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Full Name - John William Percy Fairclough (Nationality - English)

Born - 1950 in Stockton-on-Tees, Durham, England

Spouse - Josefina Repancol Fairclough (Née Caguioa - Married 1996)

Children - From first marriage, a daughter (born 1986) and son (born 1987)

Father - Dr Richard Alan Fairclough (1915 - 1987)

Mother - Margaret Fairclough (1918 - 1995)

Brother - Peter Richard Stafford Fairclough (1948 - 1996)

Sister - Jane Margaret Jackson (1944 - 2014)

Notable publications - Beyond Enkription, The Burlington Files first published in 2014 and various technical accounting, auditing and fraud prevention publications published from 1975 to 1983 in the

UK and the USA whilst working for Coopers & Lybrand (formerly Cooper Brothers, now PricewaterhouseCoopers, PwC).

In 2014 Bill Fairclough published Beyond Enkription, the first of six quasi-autobiographical spy thrillers intended for publication in The Burlington Files series, which together with subsequent press releases and news articles, disclosed and substantiated that he had worked as an intelligence agent for MI6 and the CIA since the early seventies.

On 14 October 2025 PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC, formerly Bill Fairclough's employer Coopers & Lybrand/Cooper Brothers) affirmed in a deposition (a formal legal disclosure, GDPR SAR 25.84) that he was a "Career Spy". (See Sections 2, 15 and 16.)

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1 BILL FAIRCLOUGH'S BIOGRAPHIES - PRACTICAL & LEGAL ISSUES

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2 EVIDENCE THAT BILL FAIRCLOUGH WAS A "CAREER SPY"

PwC's GDPR SAR 25.84 Dated 14 October 2025

With the exception of announcements concerning their most senior executives, it is almost unprecedented for the United Kingdom's Security Service (MI5) or Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) to disclose the identities of their officers, employees, or agents. Consequently, it is virtually impossible to prove beyond all reasonable doubt that any individual has ever served within those organisations.

Moreover, apart from limited and often heavily redacted disclosures made through The National Archives, typically made many decades after the event, any attempt to establish such proof may either (a) constitute a breach of the Official Secrets Acts, now consolidated within the National Security Act 2023, or (b) rely on information that has been intentionally obscured or falsified through official disinformation.

Despite these formidable barriers, an exceptional and independently verifiable disclosure has been made by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), one of the world's largest professional services and auditing firms. Without qualification, PwC formally stated that Bill Fairclough was a "Career Spy", which was a remarkable confirmation.

Bill Fairclough was employed by Coopers & Lybrand (formerly Cooper Brothers, now PwC) from 1969 until 1983. According to PwC's own Subject Access Request Disclosure Bundle (GDPR SAR 25.84, dated 14 October 2025), issued under the United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) in response to a Subject Access Request submitted on 1 October 2025, PwC disclosed and confirmed the following: In May 2022 PwC invited Mr Fairclough to contribute his memoirs for inclusion in an official PwC publication. In May 2024 PwC decided against publication and formally recorded that: (a) Mr Fairclough was a "Career Spy"; and (b) his dual career as both a covert intelligence agent and a PwC employee was so notable that publication of his memoirs might have caused reputational damage to PwC.

These memoirs were approved by both Bill Fairclough and PwC in 2022 and are reproduced in Section 17 below.

This acknowledgement is extraordinary. Even David Cornwell, better known by his pen name John le Carré, who unlike Bill Fairclough was employed by MI6 rather than engaged as one of its agents, never received such unequivocal and independent institutional confirmation of his intelligence background from any globally recognised organisation.

Other Available Evidence

Needless to say, there exists much more evidence to establish that Bill Fairclough was a secret agent operating for various intelligence agencies including MI6 and the CIA for decades. That evidence includes and is by no means limited to:

(1) the quasi-autobiographical book, Beyond Enkription, in The Burlington Files series;

(2) correspondence in 2025/26 between Bill Fairclough and David Carruthers Pemberton, Colonel Alan Pemberton's eldest son, confirming that neither David nor Gilly Burrough, Colonel Pemberton's secretary in the 1970s, had any information whatsoever that called into question, contradicted or otherwise undermined the facts relating to Alan Pemberton as disclosed in TheBurlingtonFiles website. Both had the opportunity to raise objections and neither did so;

(3) data disclosed in TheBurlingtonFiles' and FaireSansDire's websites;

(4) data disclosed in newspaper articles and other articles elsewhere on the web;

(5) data in affidavits in court cases involving Bill Fairclough;

(6) his acquaintances, contacts etc. on social media platforms, especially on LinkedIn where for years he has had the maximum number (30,000) of undisclosed "Connections" (not followers); and

(7) sundry records relating to incidents Bill Fairclough was involved in including pertinent law enforcement, intelligence and diplomatic records, insurance company records, hospital and/or medical records, tax and court records, newspaper articles and other evidence such as witness statements.

Evidential Limitations & Espionage

The intelligence world presents unique evidential and attribution challenges. Agents are frequently instructed through intermediaries ("cut outs") and operate under strict compartmentalisation. As a result, they are often unaware which intelligence service, government department or allied organisation ultimately authorised or directed a particular assignment.

Consequently, an operative or agent may undertake activities believing they originated from one agency when they were in fact commissioned by another. Deliberate misinformation is common. This can result in what is colloquially known as "mushroom management": keeping people in the dark and feeding them only the information considered necessary for their immediate task. Intelligence agencies generally regard such "need to know" practices as essential for operational security.

Former United States Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld famously referred to "known knowns", "known unknowns" and "unknown unknowns". Information disclosed to Intelligence operatives may be incomplete, misleading or intentionally limited. Even years later, participants may never know the full background to events in which they were involved.

Accordingly, while substantial evidence exists demonstrating Bill Fairclough's association with and activities on behalf of intelligence organisations including MI6 and the CIA, proving his involvement in every specific venture, operation or assignment is often impossible. This is neither unusual nor unexpected.

Indeed, experienced intelligence officers generally seek to ensure that little or no documentary evidence exists linking agents to their handlers, controllers or sponsoring agencies. Operational security is maintained through compartmentalisation, aliases, cover identities, intermediary communications, verbal instructions, destruction of records and other tradecraft designed to preserve plausible deniability.

Therefore, the absence of direct evidence concerning particular events should not automatically be regarded as evidence that they did not occur. In intelligence matters, the very measures taken to protect operations, personnel and national interests frequently make definitive historical proof unattainable. No matter what, some evidence of espionage activity will always exist. Examples of such evidence that may not have been thoroughly expunged are noted in the preamble to Section 16.

In Section 8 of this bio, a limited selection of Bill Fairclough's assignments and investigations are briefly summarised. For example, reference is made to an event in 2001 involving Osama bin Laden in which Bill Fairclough was involved. Ostensibly he had been headhunted by a private equity company but had they been covertly instructed by a Western intelligence and/or law enforcement agency? After all, he had no obvious experience that suited him becoming a director of a Mauritian offshore business involved in international shipping and why was the remuneration a "mere" £750,000 per annum to attend less than a dozen board meetings!

Let's focus on another example. In the early 1970s Bill Fairclough was deployed to Haiti ostensibly as a Coopers & Lybrand employee undertaking an audit of Haiti Air Inter. On the face of it, this appears to have been a routine commercial assignment. Viewed from another perspective, however, it may have served a broader intelligence purpose connected with concerns over aviation safety, political stability or other matters of interest to Western governments and intelligence services. Indeed, it could have been a precursor to a coup.

Which interpretation is correct? Who knows! The answer is that no one may ever know with certainty. Fairclough has admitted that he was not fully briefed on the ultimate objectives of his trips to Haiti or who actually sponsored these missions. As is common in intelligence operations, he may have been mushroom managed with information being deliberately compartmentalised, restricted on a need to know basis and filtered through intermediaries.

So far as Fairclough's Haitian activities go, what is difficult to reconcile with the notion of a routine commercial audit is what actually happened. According to Fairclough and others, on trying to leave Haiti he was pursued through the streets of Port au Prince and, following a violent incident in which lives were lost, he was captured, assaulted and detained by the feared TonTon Macoute. He was subsequently extracted from Haiti with the assistance of a plane load of American veterans.

Whether these events arose from a failed commercial investigation, an intelligence operation, an aborted coup, a politically sensitive intervention or some combination thereof remains open to interpretation. What they do illustrate is the difficulty of attributing intelligence related activities to particular agencies, objectives or operations decades after the event, especially when those involved were intentionally denied access to the full picture.

3 SYNOPSIS OF THIS BIOGRAPHY & THE BURLINGTON FILES

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In 1969 Bill Fairclough applied for and was offered jobs at Cooper Brothers, Price Waterhouse and Peat Marwick Mitchell. He chose to start his career as a trainee accountant (articled clerk) at Cooper Brothers, later to become Coopers & Lybrand and after that PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). Somewhat altruistically, Bill lived a double life from the early seventies and in 1974 he qualified as a Chartered Accountant at Coopers & Lybrand. In 1978 he established FaireSansDire while still employed by Coopers & Lybrand.

FaireSansDire became a globally renowned niche intelligence organisation. In the seventies and eighties, FaireSansDire provided a conduit whereby intelligence agencies involved mainly in law enforcement could more easily work together.

In those days, many intelligence agencies did not communicate one with another thanks to the Cold War. Nonetheless, most of them abhorred people and body part trafficking and similar heinous crimes. FaireSansDire's goal was to help prevent the exponential spread of international organised crime which was exploiting the Cold War communications gap.

After leaving Coopers & Lybrand in July 1983, Bill Fairclough continued to work in the international financial services industry until January 1999 while still retaining control of FaireSansDire. From 1983 to 1986 Fairclough worked in Citibank/Citicorp referred to herein as Citigroup, which is also known as "Citi" and remains one of the largest banks in the world. From 1986 to 1999 he worked in the Barclays Group including a secondment to the Reuters Group.

From 1999 he switched roles and FaireSansDire became his main occupation, albeit still covertly until 2010. Even then, he continued to take on directorships openly and some covertly as a shadow director in various companies not only in the financial services sector but also in property, healthcare and other industries.

In July 2009 Fairclough was approached for the third time to try to make films loosely based on his experiences. Through intermediaries, he contacted two well-known film production companies (MGM and Kudos) to assess their appetite. The films proposed comprised a potpourri of unusual concepts and experiences based on Bill’s somewhat unconventional and maverick dual or at times triple existence.

Despite all their initial enthusiasm, the negotiations with those companies’ directors came to nothing. Both film production companies advised FaireSansDire's representatives that they should first present their material in book and/or film script format. Sadly, their approach to one US corporation landed on stony ground when MGM, which produced many of the James Bond films, filed for bankruptcy.

MGM has since recovered but is under different management. Kudos, the other film production company approached, was based in the UK. At the time it had a full production agenda for many years ahead courtesy of its global success with the Spooks (TV series).

Accordingly, on 5 March 2014, the first novel in The Burlington Files series, Beyond Enkription, was published on Amazon (worldwide) as a paperback and eBook. In 2015 a hardback version of Beyond Enkription was published by Dolman Scott and since 2025 an audiobook has been available from Amazon in the USA. The intention was for the entire Burlington Files series to be broadly based on Bill Fairclough’s life. Fairclough was the nominal author of The Burlington Files. In that regard, it is understood one reasonably well-known novelist ghosted some of the material but his or her name can never be disclosed.

Beyond Enkription was written for film adaptation and initially copyrighted by an English company, The Burlington Files Limited. The copyright for Beyond Enkription and TheBurlingtonFiles.org website including FaireSansDire's website is now owned by Bill Fairclough. The official date of publication marked the fiftieth anniversary of the opening chapter in Beyond Enkription. It was coincidentally the same day as Bill Fairclough's father's birthday.

Beyond Enkription was not written as and has never been marketed as a traditional novel because it was written for film adaptation. The purposes of publication were to secure copyright and make it easy for those in the film industry to access it in a manner that suited them once they had been contacted via FaireSansDire's representatives.

Accordingly, irrespective of its qualities or lack of them, the book has to date not been a best-seller other than in obtuse ways in China and old Soviet Bloc countries such as Ukraine and Bulgaria. It is roughly estimated that more than 25,000 copies were sold through illegitimate eBook libraries within three years of its publication on Kindle: so much for copyright! Nevertheless, Bill Fairclough had accumulated about a quarter of a million followers/connections/contacts on social media by 2025, a disproportionate number of which heralded from Bulgaria and its former Soviet neighbours.

Beyond Enkription is rumoured to be mandatory reading for some states' intelligence induction programs. Those states may include Holland, Bulgaria and possibly some former Soviet republics. Why? Perhaps because the book has been proclaimed by those who should know as "being up there with My Silent War by Kim Philby and No Other Choice by George Blake".

In 2020 David Alexander Cardamone, an aficionado of all things to do with espionage, created the Beyond Enkription Book Trailer as a gift for Bill Fairclough after having been beguiled by reading Beyond Enkription. The book trailer video is extraordinary given that David Cardamone was born deaf.

4 BILL FAIRCLOUGH'S PRIVATE LIFE

Up North

Born the youngest of three children, Bill Fairclough had a sister and brother. Both his siblings, Jane and Peter, are deceased. His brother Peter studied history at Keble College, Oxford. Despite Peter's frequent absences from university, he obtained a third class degree which was more than his younger brother Bill achieved at university. That is hardly surprising given Bill only attended university for seventeen days.

Bill Fairclough's father, Richard, was the son of a headmaster of a school in Putney. Dr Richard Alan Fairclough was an Oxford scholar from Keble College where he obtained a first and a doctorate in chemistry. Bill's parents met during the Second World War when his father, ostensibly working for Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI), worked secretly on creating bombs to wipe out the Nazi industrial hinterland. Bill's parents married in Yarm in 1941. After the war in Europe ended in May 1945, Dr Fairclough continued to work for the British Government and was assigned to work in Germany, inter alia, for British Intelligence. He was based in Düsseldorf (with his wife Margaret) for two years.

After Dr Fairclough retired from ICI, he opened up and ran an antiquarian and second hand bookshop in Yarm during the late seventies and the eighties until his death in 1987. The bookshop, which mainly exported antiquarian books to overseas libraries, was an enigma.

When not gated at boarding school or being otherwise punished for unruly behaviour, Bill Fairclough spent most of his childhood and early teens in the North East of England not far from the banks of the River Tees. As a child he lived in Billingham and then (in a vast white house once lived in by the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley) in Norton Green overlooking the duck pond. In his early teens, Bill lived in Middleton St George and later in Yarm. He also lived in flats in Stockton-on-Tees and Jesmond in Newcastle upon Tyne which he rented near to the nightclubs he worked in or controlled during the late sixties and early seventies (while employed by Coopers & Lybrand).

In his youth Bill Fairclough survived numerous life-threatening events such as serious accidents, severe illnesses and multiple car and boat crashes. On three successive holidays as a teenager his escapades hit the national press. They included sinking a thirty-five-foot pleasure cruiser near where the Grand Union Canal and the River Trent meet and escaping from a flat that was burnt to ashes in Ealing. Nevertheless, the most death-defying of the three was when he was diagnosed with acute appendicitis while high up in the Alps more than 100 miles from the nearest hospital in Innsbruck, Austria.

Bill also survived several attempted abductions and attempted murders in his late teens and early twenties while involved in running or working in nightclubs and casinos. He lived life in the fast lane and some of his reminiscences are reproduced below. Needless to say, self-incriminating reminiscences are absent albeit Bill Fairclough has acknowledged that there were instances where he may have been forced to act in self-defence irrespective of the consequences.

Down South

In 1971 he left the North East of England in a hurry, bound for Soho in the West End of London and a new job at Coopers & Lybrand in the City of London at their prestigious Head Office in Gutter Lane, Cheapside. Coopers & Lybrand tried to change the names in their address, but the City of London suggested they change their name to Gutter Brothers because Gutter Lane, Cheapside had been there for centuries.

To his employers at Coopers & Lybrand it was understandable that anyone like Bill would prefer to work in their large Head Office rather than their relatively small offices in Middlesbrough and Newcastle upon Tyne. Bill Fairclough already had a reputation for spotting and uncovering fraud and malpractice in major clients (e.g. nationalised industries and local authorities). This aptitude had not escaped the notice of some of Coopers & Lybrand's senior partners in London.

However, according to Bill the main reason hy he engineered a transfer to Coopers & Lybrand down South was that he had been moonlighting in nightclubs and had to leave in haste for his own safety after getting involved in gang warfare. He was receiving unwanted attention from protection racketeers who included allegedly corrupt police based mainly in Newcastle upon Tyne and Sunderland. The protection racketeers controlled much of the coastline of North East England from Whitley Bay to Scarborough.

On arrival in the West End of London in 1971 Bill Fairclough maintained a triple existence. He not only worked for Coopers & Lybrand but also moonlighted in clubs and the music industry while unwittingly helping the intelligence services. Precisely how Fairclough unwittingly worked for the intelligence services is explained in detail in Beyond Enkription.

In the music industry he acted as an accountant for several promoters, agents, managers and artists while dabbling in the glamorous side of the business: sex, drugs and rock and roll. He even co-

managed two rock groups in Europe, namely Ange and Little Bob Story. By the mid-seventies, the highlights of his involvement in the music industry included a few impressive feats.

(1) Producing a number one single for Ange while visiting Phonogram's recording studios in Paris albeit he was so high he only learned of his production skills the next day.
(2) Drumming with Keith Moon of The Who at the Roundhouse in London.
(3) Performing on stage with George Melly at Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in Soho, London.
(4) Pretending to whip Stacia Blake of the band Hawkwind on stage at many of their London concerts. Bill invariably dressed in a pinstripe suit to provoke the audiences. For these heroic if not kamikaze performances he was made an honorary Hells Angel.
(5) Hiring Wembley Stadium after reaching an oral agreement with Colonel Tom Parker for a weekend performance by Elvis Presley. It never happened as Elvis finally decided he didn't want to perform overseas at the time.
(6) Helping Malcolm McLaren get the Sex Pistols back on the road after most of their gigs were cancelled following the "Bill Grundy interview". The cancellations occurred because most of the deposits Malcolm McLaren had placed on "concert" halls booked for the tours by an independent promoter (Martin Cole) were forfeit courtesy of breaches of morality clauses.

Fairclough turned down various offers in the early seventies to manage a couple of very well-known British and American rock bands. Given the offers were made in the early hours at the Speakeasy Club in Margaret Street their sincerity is dubious. Nevertheless, he found working with the intelligence services more intellectually challenging and exciting as a moonlighting pastime. He even turned down a request in the eighties to become the non-executive chairman of the London Philharmonic Orchestra claiming that he couldn't even spell Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Mind you, how many in the orchestra could do that when sober?

As for the sex and drugs accompanying his rock and roll days, Bill Fairclough has admitted that he slept with other 50 women before he was married and that included one hectic 24 hours in which he slept with three different women in Nassau, New York and London. As for drugs, Bill only ever indulged in marijuana except on two occasions when, as explained later, he was poisoned with overdoses of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD).

On occasion Bill rubbed shoulders with genuine rock royalty but remained remarkably unimpressed:
(1) At Tito's nightclub on Teesside, Joe Cocker was top of the bill. Prior to going on stage, Joe asked Bill, "Is it always this empty?" Without missing a beat Bill replied, "It's not your fault."
(2) Chas Chandler of The Animals and later manager of Jimi Hendrix encountered Bill several times at the Nassau Beach Hotel in the Bahamas. Chas was pleasant enough but rarely said much, preferring to spend his time avoiding the sun reclining beneath several days-old British Sunday newspapers.
(3) Sandie Shaw and Nick Powell had previously lived at 65 Harley Street before Bill and his friends rented the top flat. The pressing question was whether the carpets had ever recovered from the previous occupants shoeless activities.
(4) Bill attended a couple of parties in South London with Brian May of Queen but found Brian's Tampax necklace rather distracting.
(5) As for Arthur Brown and his crazy world, Bill accompanied him to a wedding in Knightsbridge and left with his ears ringing after Arthur sang the hymns as if in a rock concert.

Elsewhere

From the mid-seventies until the mid-nineties Bill Fairclough spent much time working overseas. He was based in Nassau (Bahamas) in the mid-seventies and in the Americas on and off until the mid-eighties. Bill continued to face many near-death experiences on land, water and in the air.

He suffered from a toxic variety of life-threatening illnesses throughout his life including acute appendicitis, typhus, sepsis (septicaemia), cytomegalovirus, one major stroke, cancer and several attempted poisonings. He underwent over a dozen surgical operations requiring general anaesthetic. Bill also survived several other attempts on his life by those who would have preferred that his investigatory talents weren't covertly locked onto their criminal empires: most of these are cited later. Needless to say, self-incriminating reminiscences are absent albeit Bill Fairclough has acknowledged that there were instances where he may have been forced to act in self-defence irrespective of the consequences.

Bill Fairclough's Marriages

Bill Fairclough married in 1983 and by 1987 his first wife had two children. Following a six year separation, the marriage was dissolved in 1995 after child custody proceedings (Croydon County Court, Case Nos. 92CP2343 and 92CP2344), which Mr Fairclough (the claimant) successfully concluded. The court ordered the defendant to pay all the claimant's costs incurred in respect of the proceedings, notwithstanding her being unemployed. The order was extraordinary in view of the defendant's financial circumstances. It followed Mr Fairclough's decision not to pursue allegations of perjury or perverting the course of justice because he believed that any custodial sentence imposed on the defendant would not have been in the children's best interests.

He remarried in August 1996. Nevertheless, his first wife continued to harass him after the divorce until 2002 when the Metropolitan Police intervened to put a stop to her obsessive and manic criminal behaviour (Crime Reference Number 4013987/02C). Once again, Bill chose not to press for a prosecution because he believed that any custodial sentence imposed on his former wife would not have been in the best interests of their children. Pursuant to the dissolution of his first marriage, Bill Fairclough transferred the freehold ownership of a detached four bedroom house in a private road in Epsom to his former wife. Some years later, she sold the property for more than £1 million.

Peter Fairclough's Suicide

On 24 February 1996, Peter Fairclough, Bill Fairclough's brother, committed suicide at his flat at 32 Meadowings, Yarm. His reasons for doing so remain unknown. For more than twenty years he had lived with significant ill health following an adverse reaction in the late 1960s to thyroxine, which had been prescribed since birth because he had congenital hypothyroidism.

There was, however, evidence that Peter had been making plans for the future. He was looking forward to attending his brother Bill's wedding later that year and had agreed to move "down South" to live with him in Cheam, Surrey. At Peter's inquest on 14 June 1996, his sister told the Coroner: "He was going to a wedding in August in London and when I telephoned he very often sounded positive and as though he was seeing a way forward but he couldn't express himself."

Bill Fairclough understands Peter's reference to "a way forward" to have been his planned move to Cheam after the wedding. That interpretation was not put before the Coroner during the inquest, nor was it explained that the wedding Peter was looking forward to attending was that of his closest relation, his brother Bill. Had the Coroner been informed that Peter had been making concrete plans to relocate and begin a new chapter in his life, it might reasonably have prompted further enquiries into the circumstances surrounding his death and whether any external factors had influenced his state of mind. There is, however, no judicial finding that any third party caused or contributed to Peter's death, whether by coercion or otherwise.

It is also noteworthy that, on 12 January 1996, Peter wrote to the solicitors who were administering his mother's estate and also acting for his sister, stating that he was "adamant" that he did not consent to his sister Jane being granted a Power of Attorney over him. In the same letter, he also commented that “I am also uncomfortable with the fact that my brother is not a trustee of my mother’s estate”.

As Peter had made his wishes clear, no Power of Attorney in favour of his sister was executed. In another letter, dated 21 February 1996 to a friend, he wrote “I’ve just finished a poem, Time For A Life, “inspired” by my struggle to summon the strength to say “No” when the power of attorney rears its threats. I’ll have to stop my stomach churning, somehow.” That unsent letter was recovered from the writing desk in his flat. However, the poem Time For A Life seemingly vanished. Despite the investigations into his death, it was never recovered.

Barrie Parkes, in conjunction with his contacts in the local police, subsequently re-examined the available evidence but despite their concerns they were unable to reach any firm conclusion as to why Peter took his own life. All those concerned unanimously agreed that Peter had killed himself and that he was a person at risk of suicide given his ill health. The Suicide Act 1961 decriminalised suicide itself but made it an offence to aid, abet, counsel or procure another person's suicide.

5 BILL FAIRCLOUGH'S EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Schools & Universities

Bill Fairclough attended Red House School in Norton, Stockton-on-Tees and then won a full fee paying and boarding scholarship to St Peter's School York. He was nearly expelled from Red House School on more than one occasion for his rebellious behaviour. However, once safely ensconced as a scholar at St Peter's School York he was safe from expulsion. Expelling any scholar was unprecedented and would have reflected badly on those who had awarded the scholarship.

St Peter's School York is one of the oldest schools in the world having been founded in 627AD by Saint Paulinus of York. Bill was far removed from being a saint! Mind you, John Johnson (JJ), better known as Guy Fawkes, one of its former pupils, wasn't a saint either. As noted in TheBurlingtonFiles.org website, (JJ) was the first pseudonym attributed to Bill whilst being used as an intelligence asset in London: the UK intelligence agencies knew a little about history.

In his last-term at St Peter's School York, Bill Fairclough was invited to take the University of Oxford scholarship entrance exam. His father was assured by a close friend and fellow scholar of his at Keble College, one Douglas Price, that Bill had done exceedingly well in the exams. Thus, Bill was unquestionably on course to obtain a scholarship in English literature at Keble College having apparently excelled all the others taking the scholarship exams. (Douglas Price devoted most of his life to Keble College which has a prestigious society named after him.)

Accordingly, Bill attended an interview at Oxford University somewhat unusually with Douglas Price in attendance. They had met before at Bill's father's houses over the years. However, Bill was not only refused a scholarship but also refused entry to Keble College. Even his brother Peter's position had become precarious. However, Peter managed to remain at Keble College on the proviso that he would immediately relinquish his rooms there and take up residence elsewhere in Oxford, which he did.

Bill had been turned down for egregious misbehaviour after a party that had lasted long into the night which was attended by him and his brother. Bill’s night out ended unceremoniously only a few

hours before the interview. Consequently, he was immediately suspended from school. He left for Soho rather than return North and later went to the University of East Anglia instead of Oxford University as planned. All these events are described in more detail in Beyond Enkription.

From September 1968 until July 1969, Bill spent only seventeen days at the University of East Anglia in Norwich. He preferred the university of life in Central London and Newcastle upon Tyne working in casinos and clubs and jointly running nightclubs and discotheques. Even so, he passed his first year exams at Norwich with his head held high (obtaining the equivalent of a first) and then left prematurely without notice.

Professional Qualifications

Bill Fairclough also attended Newcastle Polytechnic (now Northumbria University) to study accountancy after being articled to a partner (Trevor Middleton) at Cooper Brothers in Newcastle upon Tyne. He obtained top marks in many of the exams including several 100% marks on his papers. Soon afterwards, he qualified first time as a Chartered Accountant in 1974.

In 1980 Bill Fairclough became a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. In 1994 he became a member of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment. In 1995 he became a life member of the Association of Corporate Treasurers. In January 2016, after more than forty years as a qualified Chartered Accountant, Bill resigned from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

From the late eighties Bill Fairclough was intermittently registered with the UK and other countries' financial and banking regulatory bodies as a director of businesses operating in the financial services sector. Since then many of them have changed their names.

In the UK, those authorities included the SFA, IMRO, the PIA, the FSA (via the ICAEW) and the Bank of England which later came under the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. In the USA he was similarly licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission; in Japan by the Ministry of Finance; and in Hong Kong by their Securities and Futures Commission.

Bill Fairclough was also a member of the Anti-Corruption Research Network at Transparency International for many years while running FaireSansDire once its existence was in the public domain.

6 BILL FAIRCLOUGH'S OVERT PROFESSIONAL LIFE

Coopers & Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers, PwC)

Bill Fairclough worked at Coopers & Lybrand (named Cooper Brothers earlier) from 1969 to 1983. His initial salary was £750 per annum. During the fourteen years he worked in the accountancy profession, Bill helped establish Coopers & Lybrand itself aiding it to become one of the Big Four global accountancy firms. He also worked in their Technical Department in the seventies. His bread and butter work before that was for clients and included the following:

(1) Working on audits, investigations and restructurings of British Steel, British Telecom and British Leyland.

(2) Undertaking audits and investigations of listed companies (e.g. Rio Tinto Zinc), local councils, banks and leasing companies.

(3) Carrying out liquidations, audits and investigations of banks and other financial organisations in the Caribbean.

(4) Helping out on many one-offs such as the start-up and subsequent sale of a Peruvian investment house.

While working in Coopers & Lybrand's Technical Department and reviewing audit work undertaken by the UK firm, Bill Fairclough wrote (with others) the firm's Manual of Auditing. He also wrote several UK statements of standard accounting practice (SSAPs) and other publications (e.g. on the USA's Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and related anti-boycott legislation). Later, he became the first Secretary to Coopers & Lybrand's International Executive Committee reporting to the International Firm's chief executive officer, the first of whom was Sir Brandon Gough.

At Coopers & Lybrand, as Secretary to the International Executive Committee, Bill Fairclough was also involved in helping investigate major frauds encountered by the firm internationally. These investigations included suspected malpractices involving Coopers & Lybrand's international partners (e.g. straightforward fraud or compliance with coercion by terrorists). From the mid-seventies he was based in either the UK, the USA or the Bahamas and worked in Europe, the Caribbean and the Americas.

Citigroup

In 1983 Bill Fairclough was headhunted by Citigroup, based in the Strand in London. He became the deputy chief financial officer for Citigroup's Europe, EMEA and Far East operations. At the time, in terms of assets, those operations were larger than the UK's Lloyds Bank Group and Midland Bank Group global banking operations combined.

It is notable that before headhunting Bill Fairclough, the headhunter concerned had become a client of the Fairclough family's bookshop. Once Bill had joined Citigroup, despite his and others' best efforts, none of them could trace the headhunter. Indeed, on reviewing all of Citigroup's relevant records in the UK and the USA, somewhat mysteriously, no fee appeared to have been charged for the headhunter's services.

Bill Fairclough earned his daily bread by not only undertaking those chores one would expect of an accountant and deputy finance director. In addition, using the talents he had acquired at Coopers & Lybrand, Bill spent much time investigating alleged frauds and malpractices. He also created novel off balance sheet schemes and ground-breaking off balance sheet vehicles (such as Drury Lane Limited and Citibank Investments Limited). The more complex of these schemes involved mixed interest rate and currency swaps with multiple termination dates for up to thirty counterparties at a time.

Also, working in a team of three, reporting to Kent Price (Citigroup's UK chief executive officer at the time) Bill Fairclough assessed potential acquisitions for the group. These included Williams & Glyn's Bank, the Royal Bank of Scotland Group and Nationwide Building Society none of which were deemed palatable by the Bank of England. In addition, Bill helped sell Citigroup's Thai banking interests in such a way that the deals were not perceived to be trading in banking licenses. Trading in bank licenses was, of course, forbidden under the prevailing regulations in Hong Kong and Thailand.

Bill Fairclough's investigations into alleged frauds and malpractices extended into more covert investigations of suspected customer-oriented tax frauds. Some of these emanated out of the Bahamas. They included alleged breaches of the USA's Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and related

anti-boycott legislation in the Middle East running into billions of dollars. Some of these investigations were mandated by Citigroup's chief financial officer in 1985 (Tom Jones, a UK citizen) based in Wall Street. Bill had been confidentially instructed by Jones to investigate certain suspected politically sensitive frauds and other misdemeanours in most of the areas Citigroup operated in excluding North America.

Bill Fairclough parted company with Citigroup pursuant to conducting the covert investigations he was instructed to undertake and more besides. Those investigations had global consequences for Citigroup. It ended up paying out unprecedented fines and penalties to large numbers of tax authorities. Furthermore, its global management structure was completely overhauled at the behest of regulators. Notwithstanding the headaches and disruption Bill Fairclough left Citigroup with, he departed on amicable terms after reaching an out of court settlement on terms satisfactory to him.

In 1986 after leaving Citigroup Fairclough was offered executive roles at Nomura, Chase and Coutts, a partnership at Deloitte Haskins & Sells as well as being approached by Brian Smouha to act as deputy head of the BCCI investigation. However, he chose to work at Barclays instead.

During his career Bill Fairclough was approached with some unusual job offers, often for investigatory or infiltration purposes. They included offers from: rock bands in 1973; Rex Mantle (Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions) in 1978; the London Philharmonic Orchestra in 1982; David Fowler and Carol Haworth (telepathic intelligence gurus at Griffin International) in 1986; Gerald Ronson CBE (owner of Heron and one of the “Guiness Four”) in 1993; Ian Harley (CEO of Abbey National) in 1995; Victor Chandler (offshore bookmaking pioneer) in 2000; a Mauritian offshore crime syndicate in 2001 and the Financial Standards Authority’s main board (the Regulatory Decisions Committee in 2007.

Barclays Group

In 1986 Bill Fairclough joined the Barclays Bank Group. He worked his way up the ladder at Barclays initially becoming a director of many Mercantile Credit and Mercantile Group businesses. Later he was appointed a director of Ebbgate Holdings (BZW, later known as Barclays Capital and then Barclays Investment Bank).

In Bill Fairclough’s final stretch at Barclays, he was made a director of Barclays Stockbrokers, Barclays Financial Services, Barclays Holdings and many other Barclays Group companies including Barclays Bank Trust Company. In addition, he had responsibilities for other parts of the Barclays Group such as Barclays Global Investors. (Note that most of Bill Fairclough's Barclays Group directorships are no longer visible on the UK's Companies House website.)

In 1995 Bill Fairclough re-joined Barclays after a quasi-secondment to Reuters when one part of BZW he was operations director for (called the Thamesway Group) was sold to the Reuters Group and later to NASDAQ. At Reuters, Bill was appointed a director of many companies. For example, he was the founding director of Instinet Holdings whose main trading subsidiaries were later sold to NASDAQ. While at Barclays, including when Bill was seconded to Reuters, he was based in London but also worked out of New York, Tokyo and Hong Kong. During this part of his career he worked in many countries in Europe, the Far East and the Americas.

It is of note that although Bill Fairclough held many senior board positions at Barclays, those were all held long before Barclays became embroiled in mis-selling, interest/exchange rate fixing and other scandals. Parts of the Barclays Group were later to become centres of duplicity and dishonesty many

years after Bill left Barclays in 1999. They never fell under his direct chain of command in the latter stages of his career at Barclays.

However, when at Barclays Bill Fairclough was involved in many investigations into alleged frauds and malpractices. During his thirteen years at Barclays, many con-artists including several senior group executives and directors within the Barclays Group silently walked the plank for breaches of their contracts. Sometimes they were soon followed by their peers who had been foolish enough to have aided and abetted or turned a blind eye to their colleagues' misdemeanours.

At Barclays, Bill Fairclough's daily chores varied as his seniority grew. For those parts of the Barclays Group for which he was responsible he had typical finance director responsibilities. They included having to deal with a smorgasbord of internal and external malpractices and frauds, attempted or otherwise, as well as producing often complex management and statutory accounts. Bill enhanced Barclays' profitability by introducing sub-LIBOR mismatched swap back-to-back funding to Mercantile. In so doing, he even challenged the Inland Revenue's board of directors on grounds of unfair competition and won. As a result, Mercantile's profitability increased notably.

In the eighties Bill Fairclough helped expand Barclays' agricultural finance business, the Highland Group run by Ed Robson. Through acquisitions and de novo growth in Eire, Canada, Germany and Denmark, the Highland Group became the world's second largest provider of agricultural finance behind the Deutz-Allis Group. Along with Ed Robson, Highland's CEO, Bill even tried to acquire Deutz-Allis too! Moreover, Bill helped develop joint ventures with Fiat, Citroën and Peugeot and created forestry and fast cheque processing businesses.

In 1990 Bill Fairclough was part of a small Barclays team (reporting to Owen Rout) responsible for the restructuring of the Mercantile Group. At that time, it broadly represented 25% of the Barclays Group in terms of assets/profitability. In 1991 Bill sold Mercantile Credit to GE Capital days after the Mercantile Group's Head Office in Basingstoke had almost been burnt to the ground. Bill also assisted GE Capital start its UK business using what it had acquired from Mercantile Credit as its base. He was the chief accountant and then the finance director of Mercantile Credit in the early eighties.

In BZW Bill Fairclough helped rapidly establish the Thamesway Group as the world's premier soft commission broker (per Greenwich Associates surveys). Thamesway's business expanded rapidly to include market moving anonymous multi-currency program trading across global bond and equity markets. Thamesway was cannibalising BZW's core business to such a degree that in 1993 it was sold to Reuters. The sale included Bill Fairclough who re-joined Barclays in 1995. Bill helped Reuters develop the business it had acquired across several countries, six of which were started from scratch, in less than eighteen months after it acquired Thamesway. When Bill Fairclough returned to Barclays in 1995, Reuters acknowledged his contribution by providing him with a generous departure package.

On his return to Barclays, Bill Fairclough was, inter alia, appointed a director of Barclays Holdings and a group senior executive. During over a decade in Barclays, he worked with many of Barclays' luminaries including Oliver Stocken, Martin Taylor and John Varley as well as many other charming and notable characters, dozens of whom he helped pursue their careers in pastures new.

In Bill Fairclough's latter years at Barclays in the late nineties he was on the board that built the first online retail-broking business outside of the USA. He was involved in scouting for acquisitions but since they rarely worked out as planned, he didn't recommend many. However, he did

simultaneously sell the UK's largest personal tax business and bought the customer base of Fidelity Brokerage Services (within 24 hours of hearing it was for sale).

Barclays & Bill Fairclough's Character Assassination

With effect from 31 March 1999, Bill Fairclough left Barclays during a period of considerable change and uncertainty within the bank following the unexpected departure of its CEO Martin Taylor on 27 November 1998.

According to Fairclough and those advising him at the time, a cabal of senior figures within Barclays may have formed an adverse view of him primarily because they did not share his moral stance in respect of regulatory matters. They therefore allegedly conjured up concerns regarding his suitability for continued employment. Fairclough and his advisers regarded the treatment he received as unfair and believed that those concerns lacked foundation.

Apparently, members of FaireSansDire's Advisory Board subsequently described the circumstances surrounding his departure as amounting, in effect, to "blackballing" and "character assassination" by what they considered to be an odious cabal of senior Barclays directors and executives.

Some of Fairclough's advisers also suggested that his telephone communications might have been monitored without his knowledge or consent, although no evidence establishing this has ever come to light. However, immediately prior to his suspension on 13 January 1999, Fairclough recalls a peculiar conversation with a senior official of the Bank of England concerning matters which he believed raised issues that would later come to be recognised as protected disclosures made in the public interest. In the opinion of some of his advisers, that exchange, whether or not recorded, may have contributed to the difficulties that subsequently arose, although this remains a matter of interpretation rather than established fact.

On 13 January 1999, Barclays suspended Fairclough and arranged for him to be examined by its most distinguished medical consultant, Dr Thomas Stuttaford, to assess his fitness to continue in his role. On 25 January 1999, following extensive examinations and tests, Dr Stuttaford issued a written report concluding that Fairclough was medically fit and fully capable of continuing to perform his duties thereby conclusively rebutting all the unfounded accusations raised by the cabal. No evidence of substance abuse, alcoholism or any other condition inconsistent with Fairclough’s continued employment was reported. Notwithstanding that conclusion, Fairclough's employment subsequently ended by reason of redundancy with effect from 31 March 1999.

The circumstances surrounding Fairclough's departure came to the attention of senior officials associated with the Bank of England, the Financial Services Authority and the Cabinet Office. Gordon Brown, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, contacted Fairclough and offered him assistance, which Faircloughh respectfully declined, believing that political involvement might complicate consideration by the relevant authorities of the matters that concerned him.

No conclusive connection has ever been established between the events surrounding Fairclough’s departure and some of the regulatory fines and penalties imposed upon Barclays in subsequent years. Nevertheless, Fairclough has occasionally remarked that, with hindsight, his dismissal may have proved to be among the most costly and ill-judged employment decisions in British banking history. Following his departure, Fairclough and Barclays reached an out of court settlement on terms satisfactory to him.

What astonished Fairclough and his advisers was that the self-assured cabal, despite its posture of authority, appeared never to have contemplated the possibility that he and/or others might have been deliberately misleading them and/or that Fairclough simply wanted to move on to pastures anew. It would have required little more than a few quietly seeded suggestions and carefully calibrated statements, including those reflected in the Bank of England conversation referred to earlier, to construct an ambivalent narrative and induce them into believing they could successfully get away with blackballing him. In any event, Bill Fairclough's career switched gear after leaving Barclays. Who knows if that were planned but if it had been it would have made a mockery of the cabal given it was Fairclough's optimal employment exit route.

Other Organisations

Since 2000 after leaving Barclays, Bill Fairclough ran his own regulated forensic accountancy practice. In addition, he was a director of not only reasonably well-known companies in the financial services sector but also several companies involved in activities other than the provision of financial services. In 2010, his involvement with FaireSansDire became public knowledge after he opened the organisation's first public website.

To date, after more than four decades, there has been only one series of covert investigations FaireSansDire was involved in where Bill Fairclough's or FaireSansDire's name unintentionally entered the public domain. That was pursuant to lawsuits unexpectedly citing John William Percy Fairclough. He was accused of having carried out investigations that, inter alia, were purportedly incompatible with his fiduciary duties as a director. The investigations related to The Money Portal and were not incompatible as explained in the ensuing section.

The Money Portal

Various legal actions took place relating to investigations into The Money Portal. The investigations were initially conducted by FaireSansDire and Bill Fairclough. Fairclough was also The Money Portal's finance director for almost a year. Subsequent connected investigations were undertaken by the Serious Fraud Office and others. It should be noted that during its life The Money Portal was at times a public or private limited company.

The original case against Bill Fairclough and the strike-out case brought by Bill Fairclough relating to The Money Portal were listed in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division under Case No. HQ05X00357. Another case relating to The Money Portal against Bill Fairclough was lodged in the Employment Tribunals as Case Number 3300888/2005. It is unlikely many people can access the High Court records given, inter alia, that the case never went to trial and was settled out-of-court.

The scandals relating to The Money Portal were spread over several years and related to one founding director (Anthony James Morris) in particular. In 2005 Bill Fairclough failed to get the case brought against himself summarily struck off by Mr Justice Forbes. The judge was of fame for presiding over the Harold Shipman serial murders trial.

The case against Fairclough was a fabrication, primarily sponsored by one of the company's founding directors, Anthony James Morris. In 2006 Morris was disqualified from acting as a director for ten years. Later he was bankrupted in, extradited from Australia and imprisoned until shortly before his trial in England in respect of criminal charges brought against him by the Serious Fraud Office.

Mr Justice Forbes argued that Bill Fairclough's strike-out case was so exceptional that it should go to a full trial. The reasoning behind that was that central to the case was a solicitor who had confessed

to having destroyed a company computer with a hammer and garden shears. Mr Justice Forbes said The Money Portal had only just squeaked home and thereby passed the baton on to the judge selected to preside over the full trial.

It was of note that Mr Justice Forbes was not normally a judge in commercial cases. Furthermore, he had apparently made it known that he was close to retirement with an unblemished record of never having had any of his judgements appealed. Presumably, he was proud of this and no doubt wanted to keep his flawless reputation.

The strike-out case, the ensuing criminal trials and related civil proceedings connected to The Money Portal and Morris were convoluted and complicated. They were not exactly good advertisements for the quality of the British justice system or the Serious Fraud Office's investigatory capabilities.

Immediately after the strike-out hearing in October 2005 The Money Portal tried to reach a settlement with Bill Fairclough. They did not wish the case to proceed to full trial for obvious reasons. It was not until July 2006 that Fairclough and The Money Portal's chairman (Richard Hambro of the Hambros Bank dynasty) reached an out-of-court settlement to Fairclough's satisfaction.

By July 2006, Morris had admitted to some of his earlier misdemeanours and accepted his disqualification from acting as a director for ten years. Since those misdemeanours were, inter alia, the subject of the original investigations led by Bill Fairclough it raises many legitimate questions about just why Fairclough's strike-out attempt failed.

Within days of the settlement, Bill Fairclough was rehired by The Money Portal to undertake additional confidential investigatory work for them. It was not long thereafter that, as aforesaid, Anthony James Morris was bankrupted in and extradited from Australia and imprisoned in England in respect of criminal charges brought against him by the Serious Fraud Office.

As for Bill Fairclough's failed attempt to strike-out the case against him, some promotional material posted somewhat obtusely by the opposing legal team on 31 January 2007 was still floating around in cyberspace last time anyone looked. Given the benefit of hindsight, one might have thought the barristers concerned would have ceased crowing about their Pyrrhic and perplexing victory against what they described as Fairclough and others!

7 BILL FAIRCLOUGH'S COVERT PROFESSIONAL LIFE

Autobiographical Disclosures

Only the first quasi-autobiographical spy thriller in The Burlington Files series of six planned novels has been published. The novel, Beyond Enkription, focuses on Bill Fairclough's life in 1974. Nevertheless, the disclosures herein have been expanded to encompass most of his life.

The duality of Bill Fairclough's existence is clearly visible during his progression up the ranks at Coopers & Lybrand in the seventies and eighties. John, Phil or Bill Fairclough or Johnson or his other pseudonyms (even including Alan Brooke Pemberton) was known to just as many East End of London grandees as dynastic City of London scions and British Intelligence. The likes of David Hobson CBE, Charlie Kray, SAS Colonel Peter Goss, Lord Benson, Ronnie Scott, Paul Raymond, Roy Herridge QPM, Sir Brian Garton Jenkins GBE, Ronnie Knight, Major Freddie Mace, Robert Maxwell MC, Ralph Gidley Cooper, Duncan Campbell (the ABC trial) and other VIPs referred to in this biography all knew him well.

However, he preferred socialising in the West End of London to the City of London in haunts like Ginger's Embassy Club in Bond Street or in Ronnie Knight's infamous A&R Club at 142 Charing Cross Road. Ronnie Knight's wife, film actress Barbara Windsor DBE, was a close friend of Ronnie Knight's manageress (Esmé Gredoire) who shacked up with Bill Fairclough (aka Phil or John Johnson then) in the early seventies.

In the late seventies Bill Fairclough drifted to North London, by Primrose Hill in Regent's Park. In North London he frequented mainly private clubs like the Reilly Brothers' Log Cabin in the Caledonian Road. Nonetheless, he still frequented West End clubs such as La Valbonne (62 Kingly Street), the Cromwellian Club (later known as Coco's at 3 Cromwell Road), Dingwall's Dancehall in Camden Market, the 100 Club in Oxford Street, the Marquee Club in Wardour Street and the Revolution Club (14-16 Bruton Place).

When based in the Bahamas the Pink Pussycat was his favourite club and, in the United States, New York's Studio 54 was his club of choice. He was an honorary member of many celebrity clubs and casinos in those days.

FaireSansDire

In its heyday FaireSansDire was a niche intelligence-led security and investigatory organisation with global clout. It provided a variety of risk management and intelligence gathering services as explained on its website. Whether or not FaireSansDire is still operational remains a conundrum.

In the seventies (and later) Bill Fairclough worked with Colonel Alan Brooke Pemberton CVO MBE and Barrie Parkes BEM. Their mission was to covertly help contribute to combatting corruption. Messrs Pemberton and Parkes combined their considerable skills and ability to make the most of Bill Fairclough's financial aptitudes. They investigated some extraordinary international frauds and diplomatic misdemeanours. In 1978 Bill formed FaireSansDire which means to do without speaking. It was his family's motto and incorporated in its crest of arms.

FaireSansDire was formed in a small flat in Regents Park Road London overlooking the Queens Pub by Primrose Hill. FaireSansDire's first successful operation, which arose purely because of a chance meeting (if chance meetings happen), was to arrange for the interception of some stolen software on the Hungarian border with Ukraine near Beregsurány. The software comprised guidance systems which helped enable cruise missiles to locate their targets. It had been stolen from the United States and arrived in Budapest via a diplomatic pouch despatched from Nassau (Bahamas).

FaireSansDire was established to provide a conduit such that intelligence agencies involved mainly in law enforcement could liaise with one another more easily to help tackle and reduce international organised crime. The rationale for that was during the Cold War those on both sides wanted to put a stop to certain types of organised criminal activities but were prevented from liaising one with another for that purpose for political reasons.

FaireSansDire bridged the gap by providing anonymity to those who wished to halt heinous crimes such as people, body part and drug trafficking across borders. Often the traffickers would intentionally take advantage of the uncooperative stances taken by the authorities who were at "Cold War" with one another politically speaking.

Those who worked for or with FaireSansDire were not only from intelligence backgrounds. They included senior retired police officers, lawyers, judges, accountants and retired members of elite military units such as the Special Air Service (SAS), Special Boat Service (SBS) and their equivalents

from other countries' special forces. Sometimes their roles were purely advisory and during its lifetime FaireSansDire had a prestigious advisory board mostly comprising senior law enforcement or intelligence executives such as Tony Wilson (previously Senior Prosecutor and Head of International at the Serious Fraud Office) who joined the Advisory Board in May 2016. Since its establishment in 1978 FaireSansDire amassed a global network comprising many associates around the world whether individuals, firms, organisations or corporate and other bodies.

Furthermore, since 1978 FaireSansDire and Bill Fairclough have carried out and/or been consulted about assignments and investigations in over 100 countries. Most of those assignments were for either FaireSansDire's clients or for businesses which Bill Fairclough worked for. FaireSansDire has operated under many guises but a company called Faire Sans Dire Limited has existed from time to time when required to act formally on behalf of the FaireSansDire organisation.

Unlike Ian Fleming (and James Bond), Bill Fairclough was a longstanding member at Les Ambassadeurs Club, one of the most renowned sophisticated casinos in the West End of London and the world. Bill and others from FaireSansDire used it regularly for meetings. Why? No one could get in without extensive background checks having been undertaken. Similarly, other upmarket casinos in London were used by FaireSansDire personnel and associates. Bill used to colloquially refer to the dining room and library at Les Ambassadeurs as FaireSansDire's canteen and his office, respectively.

Much of FaireSansDire's work has been carried out on a pro bono basis. For most of its existence Bill Fairclough had been the owner of FaireSansDire. The legal structure of FaireSansDire has changed from time to time. Bill normally used to act either as its executive or non-executive chairman. Other directors over the years included his son Charles Peter Richard Fairclough.

Since 2018 FaireSansDire has closed its public website. However, it has been preserved for posterity because of the historical importance of FaireSansDire in Bill Fairclough's life. The intellectual property rights relating to FaireSansDire.org initially belonged to The Burlington Files Limited.

8 COVERT ASSIGNMENTS & INVESTIGATIONS

For more than four decades, FaireSansDire and Bill Fairclough spent much time ensuring their participation in investigations remained undercover and anonymous. Hence, citing detailed independent verifiable sources for most of their assignments is by and large impossible now. In addition, for legal and other reasons, much of their involvement in investigations and assignments cannot be divulged.

Since 2010 when FaireSansDire opened a public website, Bill Fairclough has publicly acknowledged his and/or FaireSansDire's involvement in a few specific investigations and assignments. This has primarily been done by alluding to or referring to them in Beyond Enkription, the only quasi-autobiographical spy thriller published by Bill Fairclough to date. Several of those assignments and investigations (one way or another already in the public domain) and others involving Bill Fairclough more recently than in 1974 are summarily and anecdotally disclosed below sometimes in a limited or redacted manner.

John Poulson & Reginald Maudling

The John Poulson scandal and subsequent resignation of Reginald Maudling are referred to on pages 102, 103, 122, 135, 354 and 361 of Beyond Enkription. From the late sixties Bill Fairclough allegedly effected legitimate access to Poulson's offices in Middlesbrough. The offices were situated on the floor above Cooper Brothers' offices where Bill was employed as an articled clerk.

Coincidentally, in those days he worked on the audit of and investigations into what was Teesside Council. Also coincidentally, when he was a young boy Bill Fairclough had met Reginald Maudling, then the Home Secretary, at a Conservative Party fund raising bash in Norton, Stockton-on-Tees at which Harold Macmillan (the local Member of Parliament and friend of Bill's father) attended when Prime Minister. When young, Bill and his brother Peter once had the dubious honour of sitting on Harold Macmillan's lap for a photo shoot. Luckily, no photos have since been retrieved.

Heathrow Bullion Robberies

Coopers & Lybrand investigated thefts of gold bullion, other precious metals and gemstones worth millions of pounds from supposedly secure premises near Heathrow Airport in the early seventies. Bill Fairclough was on the team that investigated them as described in Chapter 10 of Beyond Enkription.

The thieves disabled the alarms that should have been triggered by movement across the paths of laser beams. They did this by inserting mirrors close to the sources of the laser beams. Once carefully slid into place next to the sources of the laser beams, the mirrors acted as receivers and rendered the alarm systems useless. Those responsible were never identified or caught. An inside job was suspected.

Milton Obote & Idi Amin

On pages 72, 143, 465 and 467 of Beyond Enkription, references are made to corruption et al involving Milton Obote and Idi Amin in Uganda. In the seventies Bill Fairclough investigated their involvement in money laundering. They had apparently transferred dozens of suitcases full of cash from Rhodesia, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia to Europe.

On one occasion, these money transfers resulted in the assassination of a Ugandan diplomat connected with FaireSansDire. He was shot dead while descending from a plane at Kampala Airport. The assassins might have had the common sense and decency to wait until the diplomat was on terra firma, a good distance from the plane before shooting him. The gung-ho barrage of bullets started a fire on board the aircraft which could have so easily exploded.

People & Body Part Trafficking

MI6 used Bill Fairclough to help investigate an international human and body part trafficking gang. The gang comprised African, Middle Eastern and Asian diplomats and intelligence agencies linked to organised crime in the seventies. Their operations are as described in detail in Chapters 1 to 10, 13 to 20, 30 and 36 of Beyond Enkription.

Fairclough infiltrated the network responsible for these criminal activities while unwittingly working for British Intelligence. Bill survived four known murder attempts while doing so. The trafficking was but one part of this gang’s international criminal activities which included mass murder, drug running, extortion, blackmail and multi-million-dollar frauds.

Operation Smiling Buddha

As explained in depth in Chapters 11 to 13 of Beyond Enkription, Bill Fairclough investigated India's Operation Smiling Buddha and nuclear proliferation issues in 1974 involving South Africa. Unfortunately for Bill, South Africa's Bureau of State Security (BOSS) got involved.

Bill Fairclough became embroiled with these issues by accident while he was vetting the working capital needed for a rights issue by one of Coopers & Lybrand's clients. BOSS handled the case in its normal aggressive and irresponsible way.

Bahamian Banking Frauds

While working with Coopers & Lybrand in the Bahamas in the seventies, Bill Fairclough investigated rogue Caribbean banks such as the British American Bank Limited (in compulsory liquidation). Graham Garner and Sydney Morris were the Coopers & Lybrand partners acting as joint liquidators. Many such banks had been solely established and used to defraud depositors.

In the seventies British American Bank Limited was renowned for placing advertisements brazenly stating that it would pay 1% more interest on deposits than offered by any other bank in the same issue of Time Magazine. Collectively, these crooked Bahamian banks pillaged billions of dollars from avaricious US citizens, mainly retirees, seeking higher returns.

Robert Vesco

Chapters 22, 23 and 28 of Beyond Enkription refer to Bill Fairclough's investigations into drug trafficking, fraud and related crimes committed by Robert Vesco in the Caribbean. Vesco was a friend of two other reprobates, Lynden Pindling and Carlos Lehder, who were subject to related investigations by Fairclough (see later).

Bill Fairclough's investigations did not go unnoticed so Vesco charged his mistress and henchman to abduct and murder Fairclough. As explained in Beyond Enkription, they failed.

Oswaldo López

While operating in the Caribbean in the seventies and eighties, Bill Fairclough tried to monitor the Honduran President's financial activities. It wasn't that difficult. He was a Coopers & Lybrand client. President Oswaldo Enrique López Arellano was up to his chin in bribery, fraud and other crimes in Honduras.

His crimes were mostly tied to looting United Nations' humanitarian aid packages for hurricane relief as alluded to in Chapter 21 of Beyond Enkription. He was also famous for dipping into banana export taxes collected by the Honduran Government. By then, Honduras had been classified as the longest standing genuine banana republic.

Black Coral Thefts

Millions of dollars' worth of black coral thefts in the Caribbean in the seventies are referred to in Chapter 28 of Beyond Enkription. These were investigated by Bill Fairclough. The thefts he was interested in were allegedly committed by former Federal Bureau of Investigation and Central Intelligence Agency operatives. Those responsible were never caught.

Thanks to his heading up the investigations, he was nearly murdered on at least one occasion as described in Beyond Enkription. It is unclear whether another vengeful attempt a few years later by a senior Bahamian law enforcement officer turned politician was an attempt to assassinate Fairclough or merely to induce a heart attack.

Haïti Air Inter

As described in detail in Chapters 28 and 31 to 35 of Beyond Enkription, Bill Fairclough investigated breaches of international aviation financial and safety regulations by Haïti Air Inter in the seventies. Yet again, Bill Fairclough was nearly killed on more than one known occasion during the latter stages of these investigations which were linked to his other Haitian assignments. The attempts on his life were hardly surprising given that Fairclough's task was in essence to obtain evidence to shut down Haiti from the rest of the world.

Jean-Claude Duvalier

Haiti's not so secret paramilitary police, the Tonton Macoute, fired guns at and crossed swords with Bill Fairclough in the seventies. Fairclough was investigating Jean-Claude Duvalier for corruption. As described in Chapters 28 and 31 to 35 of Beyond Enkription, it was not that difficult to find crimes against humanity and corruption in Haiti for which Baby Doc was responsible. Bill Fairclough survived more than two known attempted murders during these investigations.

Luckner Cambronne

While investigating Baby Doc in the seventies, Bill Fairclough also focused his research on money laundering and other crimes involving Luckner Cambronne. He was colloquially known as the Vampire of the Caribbean. Fairclough's investigations are explained further in Chapters 31 to 35 of Beyond Enkription.

Luckner Cambronne's businesses supplied blood and cadavers to the USA for medical use. If there were insufficient available for shipment, his henchmen (the Tonton Macoute) would murder anyone they could find on the streets of Port-au-Prince at night. Well, they had to meet the quotas demanded of them by their US clients, mostly high-class segregated all-white hospitals. It is understood that the hospital's upper-crust patients were never told where the blood for their life-saving blood transfusions came from!

Sir Lynden Pindling & Carlos Lehder

As described in Chapters 21 and 22 of Beyond Enkription, Bill Fairclough was engaged in investigating Sir Lynden Pindling and his criminal links with Carlos Lehder and other major drug traffickers.

Fairclough also investigated and pre-empted an attempted $56 million fraud against the Crown Agents in Nassau (Bahamas) in the seventies. The alleged fraudsters included senior Bahamian politicians. They were associates of Sir Lynden Pindling, not that he was ever accused of conspiracy in relation to the attempted fraud. As noted in other publications, Fairclough also allegedly helped investigate matters relating to Sir Lynden Pindling's "nation for sale" scandal in the seventies and eighties.

Citigroup Corruption Allegations

Between 1983 and 1986, FaireSansDire investigated allegations of corruption in respect of Citigroup. It was not long before the investigations spiralled once the global extent of the corruption became clear. Issues were identified concerning allegations in respect of false accounting, other frauds, tax evasion and breaches of the USA's Foreign Corrupt Practices Act including the related anti-boycott legislation.

These investigations had worldwide consequences for Citigroup. It had to pay unprecedented fines and penalties to large numbers of tax authorities. Furthermore, its global management structure where “country heads” effectively ruled their roosts, was completely overhauled at the behest of regulators.

Iran-Contra Scandal

FaireSansDire was involved in investigations relating to Manuel Noriega, Oliver North and the Iran–Contra affair in the mid-eighties. The Iran–Contra affair nearly toppled US President Ronald Reagan. The extent of FaireSansDire's involvement is explained where possible in the Panama Papers section of FaireSansDire's website, its press releases and Bill Fairclough’s related articles on LinkedIn.

The years 1984 and 1985 proved to be by far the most dangerous years in Bill’s life courtesy of his involvement in these matters and the Citigroup corruption allegations which were linked.

Data Protection Act 1984

In the eighties FaireSansDire copied all the available physical and computerised records of a major foreign bank without obtaining its permission. The team of several dozen operatives was based in Upper Brook Street in Mayfair and worked round the clock for circa six months in order to complete the exercise. For the duration of the entire operation, there were former SAS soldiers on guard on the roof of the large building. No one thought to mention that such activities might be in breach of the Data Protection Act 1984!

Suspected Barclays Arson

In Churchill Plaza, Basingstoke in 1991, several floors of Barclays' Mercantile Credit’s Head Office were gutted by fire and the water used to stem the flames severely damaged those parts of the building below the ninth floor. Arson and possibly terrorism were suspected but never proven. At the time Bill Fairclough and his team were clandestinely conducting various investigations into Mercantile’s overseas activities. In addition, certain board meetings were routinely being attended by a dozen or more Special Branch officers most of whom were armed with submachine guns because Sir Charles Tidbury was usually present. Sir Charles had been on an IRA hit-list since 1988 and survived several known attempts on his life.

According to investigators at the time, the fire was supposedly started by electrical faults on the two floors that housed the bank’s accounting staff under Bill Fairclough’s command. No one suffered serious injuries from the fire, but all the physical accounting records were destroyed. Even safes melted in the searing heat as did their contents including dozens of “irreplaceable” floppy disks. The fire occurred not long after a new management accounting system (created by Bill Fairclough) had been installed. It depicted widespread fraud throughout Mercantile Credit’s branches.

Triad & Yakuza Frauds/Rackets

Between 1992 and 2004 FaireSansDire investigated Triad and Yakuza frauds/rackets taking place not just in Malaysia, Hong Kong and Japan but also London and Honolulu. Many of these investigations related to people and drug smuggling and/or money laundering activities often involving diplomats, senior banking executives and/or respected banking regulators. Courtesy of these investigations FaireSansDire’s associates etc. survived a few life-threatening situations.

On one occasion, Bill Fairclough's entire back garden (including the lawns and the soil in flower beds) caught fire; a cynical investigating officer put his biro into the soil to check the veracity of what he was told: his biro caught fire and melted. The arson referred to above was clearly linked to a specific investigation into Triads. However, it was often difficult to link any vengeful actions to deter Fairclough's and/or FaireSansDire's "activities" to specific investigations or assignments as more often than not there were several investigations going on simultaneously.

Jeffrey Archer

In 1994 there were rumours abounding that Bill Fairclough was involved in the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) investigations into alleged insider dealing involving Lord Archer (Jeffrey Archer) and his sycophants. Notwithstanding the massive media coverage, there were no prosecutions despite the publication of what appeared to be either overwhelming evidence or just too many coincidences.

Accordingly, allegations made against Lord Archer and some of his female followers (including Karen Morgan Thomas, a co-director of Bill Fairclough and Rod Sinclair in BZW) in 1994 were unsubstantiated. However, in 2001 Lord Archer was found guilty of perjury and perverting the course of justice (in respect of a trial in 1987) and sentenced to four years in prison.

During the investigations, Fairclough had Sinclair removed from Boodles and interviewed him on behalf of the DTI in 11 Lyall Mews in Belgravia. At the time, Sinclair was Head of Enforcement and Deputy Chairman of the Securities & Futures Authority.

£6 Billion Black Hole

In the nineties, Bill Fairclough covertly led a team of over 100 accountants investigating a ten billion dollar black hole in the City of London. At that time, the world's stock markets were still shuddering from fears of further disclosures of the sort of rogue trading Nick Leeson had undertaken that had bankrupted Barings Bank. Barings was the UK's oldest merchant bank and Fairclough knew it well as it had been one of Mercantile Credits' largest back-to-back funding counterparties. Furthermore, Fairclough had coincidentally already been involved on the fringes of the Barings Bank investigations and on one occasion had even monitored the contents of one of Nick Leeson's waste paper baskets.

No one on the team was made aware of precisely what they were investigating because no one knew! In any event, had it leaked the impact would have dwarfed the carnage that Nick Leeson's rogue trading had caused to global markets early in 1995. As it happened all but about £50 million of the missing billions was accounted for and put down to sloppy accounting practices. The £50 million little black hole left unexplained was suspected to have arisen because of an alleged fraud in Barclays. It was never thoroughly investigated like so many known unknowns in the UK's financial services sector.

Airship Industries

From about 2000, Bill Fairclough started investigating allegations of fraud and other crimes relating to Airship Industries and its successor companies. Its history included a period when it was controlled by Alan Bond, a notorious and prolific Australian fraudster. The allegations were all the more serious because of the companies' links to the United States Department of Defense, British Military Intelligence and the UK defence industry. One successor company was even chaired by Air Marshall Sir John Walker, an ex-chairman of the UK's Joint Intelligence Committee.

Thousands of people who were persuaded to invest billions of dollars, lost all their investments over several decades as company after phoenix company went bust. Some prospective shareholders were persuaded to invest by an illegal Spanish boiler room in 2000/2001 as reported in Citiwire in 2005. Others may have just taken a punt having possibly relied on the notable and purportedly reassuring names on a few of the successor companies' boards prior to their collapse.

At least Air Marshall Sir John Walker still had enough common sense to resign his position as chairman of the Advanced Technologies Group before, along with other creditors, calling in administrators to investigate alleged wrongdoings.

Osama bin Laden & MV Nisha

While attending a meeting in the Autumn of 2001 after 9/11 in the main boardroom of one of the world's most prestigious banks, Bill Fairclough was offered a job. It included a £75,000 a month board meeting attendance fee provided he became the non-executive chairman of an offshore financial services company based in Mauritius. He turned down the offer and investigated the company instead after extracting as much information as he could about them from his interviewers.

The information FaireSansDire obtained from its investigations and passed on to the appropriate authorities indicated that a good chunk of the proceeds from the Barlow Clowes frauds may have been stolen and used to fund terrorism. That included the funding of a phantom fleet of an estimated twenty vessels owned indirectly by Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden hatched a plot which, rather like the 9/11 bombing of the Twin Towers in New York, relied on letting nature do the damage.

The plot was to create a tsunami on the River Thames flowing through London at high tide on Xmas Eve 2001. How? By blowing up the Thames Barrier with 26,000 tons of high-explosive on board one of possibly more ships named MV Nisha as noted in a Cargo Law report from Countryman & McDaniel about MV Nisha. Had the plot been successful, hundreds of thousands of people may well have been killed or injured.

Rumour had it that one ship was intercepted by the Special Boat Service and scuttled along with its crew and the cargo of sugar on board that had been converted into high-explosives. In terms of power that was the equivalent to one of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

Exactly what happened remains a mystery amidst contradictory press reports and governmental announcements. In reality there were probably two ships named MV Nisha, one being a decoy. The UK Government issued a DA-Notice concerning the incidents amid conflicting press statements and many loose ends as noted by The Independent in particular. Precisely what happened may never be known.

Nigerian Corruption Case

In 2002 FaireSansDire was trying to get a Nigerian politician to testify in a corruption case. They located him in a graveyard in Lagos and rumour had it they exhumed his coffin. As half expected, the coffin was full of sand. FaireSansDire later found the politician in Kampala and after considering his options he agreed to testify.

The Almost Perfect Fraud

In 2003 Bill Fairclough was approached by an underworld contact regarding what Bill, together with two senior law enforcement executives, later described as “the almost perfect fraud”. He was asked whether he could introduce bankers or finance directors who might be willing to participate in a vast Europe-wide VAT fraud operation that was already allegedly generating illicit profits amounting to many millions of Euros for those involved.

The scheme was said to be simple yet highly sophisticated, transnational in nature and structured in such a way that detection and prosecution would prove exceptionally difficult. Fairclough immediately rejected any involvement. He was subsequently warned in uncompromising terms that if he ever disclosed what he had learned he “might as well commit suicide”.

For obvious reasons, many of the operational details have never been made public. However, aspects of what Fairclough came to regard as one of the most ingenious large-scale financial frauds he had ever encountered may eventually be disclosed in full.

The 2003 Iraq Invasion

In 2003, just days before the US invasion of Iraq, on his own initiative Bill Fairclough contacted the Iraqi Intelligence Service at the highest levels (within those named in the CIA’s Iraqi playing cards) with a message they could not ignore. His aim was to help the USA and its allies and significantly reduce casualties (on both sides).

From the perspective of those working in Iraqi Intelligence, they could not ignore FaireSansDire's message just in case Saddam Hussein had planted it as disinformation to test their loyalty. The message was a classic Morton's fork with a bit of “blue dye” added and its recipients therefore had to report it to Saddam Hussein. It set out details of whom to contact to receive huge bribes in consideration for the surrender of Iraqi army divisions to the advancing coalition forces.

Bill Fairclough's plan sowed distrust, division and confusion among Saddam Hussein's elite. The army had no way of telling who had signed up, if anyone, and why those contacted had been selected for such treacherous reasons (e.g. because they were known or suspected dissenters). It is not known how many Iraqi army divisions were affected by this ploy.

The Money Portal Scandals

Scandals involving The Money Portal, its regulators and other notable City grandees commenced in 2004. The scandals lasted several years and some of those involved were imprisoned. The scandals were alleged to include the second largest pension funds fraud ever in the UK after that of Robert Maxwell MC, who was once a Coopers & Lybrand client whom Bill Fairclough had (coincidentally) also investigated. The allegations relating to The Money Portal pension funds fraud were never proven as the Serious Fraud Office somewhat lackadaisically lost the case.

Organised Crime & Mortgage Frauds

In 2007 FaireSansDire investigated some minor misdemeanours and frauds in relation to UK property valuations, mortgage applications and related insurance claims. Later, these investigations were expanded once it became clear that they were endemic throughout the UK and involved several organised crime gangs.

Diamond Smuggling

In 2007, FaireSansDire received a highly detailed tip-off that a substantial consignment of diamonds, including an uncut stone believed to exceed the size of the Koh-i-Noor (a 105.6 carat cut colourless diamond), was about to be smuggled across the Angola/Congo border near Matadi in exchange for millions of US dollars in cash.

The intelligence provided was remarkably specific, identifying not only the precise location of the proposed transaction but also its anticipated timing and logistical arrangements. To the fullest extent possible, the information was independently assessed and considered credible, not only by FaireSansDire but also by other money laundering and smuggling experts consulted in connection with the matter.

FaireSansDire subsequently alerted a number of governmental agencies. Despite the apparent seriousness and detail of the intelligence, none showed any willingness to pursue the matter further or to involve either the Angolan or Congolese authorities in a formal investigation.

Russian State Marriage Bureau

Somewhat unusually, in 2010 FaireSansDire was instructed to investigate certain aspects of an English divorce case. It quickly became apparent that there were comparable divorce proceedings, not confined to the UK, in which alleged Russian high-end escorts were suspected of marrying affluent and/or influential men either to gather intelligence on behalf of the FSB or, where espionage offered little value, to secure substantial personal financial settlements through divorce. Typically, these women, known in Russian intelligence parlance as “swallows”, sought divorce after several years of marriage regardless of whether children were involved.

FaireSansDire examined several cases that appeared representative of this pattern. Typically the woman getting married would be a Russian national in her late twenties and have an extensive and troubled background evidenced by a criminal record. Often, photographs and videos of her at a much younger age would be available on Russian and European pornographic websites and she would use numerous aliases. Most significantly, she would have attended what FaireSansDire informally referred to as the Russian State Marriage Bureau (or Putin’s St. Trinians), where she would have been trained in foreign languages, etiquette, exclusive social behaviour, upper-class sports and personal presentation so that she could move comfortably within wealthy and influential circles in Western Europe and the United States.

In Russia, institutions teaching such disciplines have long been rumoured to exist in association with the FSB or SVR academies. Furthermore, persistent rumours suggested that aspects of this state sponsored honey trap activity were linked to Sergei Belyakov, a former Russian Deputy Minister of Economic Development. Belyakov was reportedly acquainted with Jeffrey Epstein and at one stage headed the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum Foundation whose prestige gatherings were attended by wealthy businessmen, politicians and, according to widespread allegations, high end escorts and intelligence connected “swallows”.

Precisely what actions FaireSansDire undertook in relation to these divorces has never been disclosed. However, the cases in which it became involved were all resolved advantageously in favour of the husbands who claimed to have been exploited or manipulated.

Edward Snowden

FaireSansDire often reported the whereabouts and activities of Edward Snowden ahead of the global media. The articles were published between 17 February 2012 (long before Edward Snowden was

headlining global media) and 27 February 2014. They included articles about surveillance in cyberspace in general terms without naming the operations. Other articles published later made specific reference to the secret terms used such as the Optic Nerve (GCHQ) surveillance scandal and the PRISM scandal which were supposedly secret cyberspace surveillance operations.

The articles' titles do not necessarily show they were about Edward Snowden and are still accessible via FaireSansDire. It is of note that Edward Snowden's disclosures, like Julian Assange's leaks via WikiLeaks rarely (if ever) directly alleged wrongdoing by Russia, China and other non-NATO major cyberspace actors. It's interesting to note that Edward Snowden first fled to Hong Kong China and then moved to Russia: what a coincidence?

A One Billion Dollar Fraud

In early April 2012, whilst engaged on an assignment for a private client, FaireSansDire was alerted to a proposed bank transfer involving Uzbekistan Som with a purported value equivalent to US$1 billion. The transaction involved a Russian bank together with various UK and US based individuals and companies. Following a detailed investigation, FaireSansDire established that the transaction was fraudulent and successfully prevented the transfer from being completed.

DPRK Arms Smuggling

Who would have thought a typical FaireSansDire bog-standard investigation checking background information on defendants in a court case in Belarus in 2013 would end up in North Korea? As usual with bog-standard investigations, they can go awry. The assignment referred to was mundane ab initio. However, it ran on for months and way beyond budget.

FaireSansDire's investigations finally led it to New Zealand on Xmas Day 2013. By then the investigations had encompassed arms smuggling and money laundering from Moldova to the DPRK or North Korea and back again. Thanks to the digital age we live in, it wasn’t necessary to visit most of the countries through which laundered funds had been tumble dried.

Companies House Data Disclosures

Pursuant to a Freedom of Information Request in 2015, FaireSansDire unearthed some extraordinary facts about English company directors. This may account for other references herein as to just how confusing and misleading the results of basic UK Companies House searches can be. The results of the request were published in a satirical article by Bill Fairclough on LinkedIn and on FaireSansDire's website dated 6 November 2015 entitled The UK Government Admits 945-Year-Old Director Found Alive and Still Active.

Unusual Assignments & Investigations

Since the seventies FaireSansDire has come across its fair share of bizarre mistakes, frauds, misdemeanours, malpractices and crimes. A few of the more interesting ones encountered are disclosed in a FaireSansDire news article entitled Background Checks & Tales of the Unexpected dated 3 September 2016. The potpourri of assignments and investigations referred to by FaireSansDire include various crass errors. These mistakes are not only perpetrated by FaireSansDire's clients, who are anonymously referred to, but also law enforcement agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (the FBI).

Typical Assignments & Investigations

A few examples cited above lasted years and comprised dozens of interconnected assignments and investigations involving many of FaireSansDire's associates. The examples disclosed disregard run-of-the-mill assignments or investigations into quotidian frauds/deceptions in the bricks and mortar or cyberspace worlds or where they converge. Given that FaireSansDire had representatives or associates in over 120 jurisdictions it is easy to see how over four decades it became involved in such a variety of assignments and investigations.

For the record, FaireSansDire's staple diet included investigations relating to: governmental corruption, industrial espionage, terrorism funding, intellectual property theft, bribery, coercion, blackmail, insider trading, boiler room dealing, front running program trades, investment scams, falsified asset valuations, falsified prospectuses, related supplier and/or customer invoicing frauds, collusive accounting frauds, tax frauds, forgery, fraudulent related party transactions, cyber-attacks et al, data deletion or loss, money laundering, wire transfer frauds, expenses frauds, conflicts of interest, regulatory breaches, Nigerian/Ghanaian scams, security breaches, criminal offshore activities, family trust/divorce disputes and straightforward thefts and other crimes.

Legal & Related Issues

For legal, security, practical and other reasons, it is impossible and would be imprudent to provide detailed citations evidencing who was involved in what, where, when, how and why in the investigations and assignments referred to above. However, many of the assignments referred to above are in the public domain and some are divulged in Beyond Enkription. All this data can be viewed in conjunction with Bill Fairclough's overt career and FaireSansDire's disclosures over the years. When combined, to some extent those disclosures evidence that such activities took place without compromising any persons or organisations involved.

Other than as explained and disclosed herein, much of Bill Fairclough’s and FaireSansDire's involvement in assignments shall remain forever confidential.

Interestingly, much of the information in the public domain concerning Bill Fairclough's investigations into The Money Portal scandals (the only leaked assignment) has never been put into its proper international perspective. Had it been, much of The Money Portal saga as most know it would look as if it belonged on another planet. What appears on the web about The Money Portal is in many instances as far removed from the truth as Donald Trump's perception of himself. It is unlikely that FaireSansDire's involvement will ever be explained in full for legal reasons.

9 PERILOUS MOMENTS & BIZARRE EVENTS 1955/1968

The following disclosures in the sections of Bill Fairclough’s biography dealing with perilous moments and bizarre events were obtained from Bill during several interviews. He did insist on the right to edit them and rewrote some of them. He also had the right of veto which he exercised and he even invoked the fifth amendment several times. Selected details of Bill’s life-threatening or near-death incidents and other bizarre experiences summarised below have been partially redacted or masked to some degree for legal reasons.

If these disclosures appear a tad far-fetched, then it should be borne in mind that certain bizarre, death-defying and life-threatening incidents have been omitted. Furthermore, a few of the more bizarre and more complex events disclosed here have been redacted or masked for legal reasons. In addition, there are no direct references given below to any of Bill Fairclough’s or FaireSansDire's assignments and/or investigations some of which are disclosed above. A summary of Bill’s death-defying or life-threatening incidents is included in Section 16.

Perilous Moments 1955/1968

While living in Billingham and Norton, Stockton-on-Tees in the North of England in the fifties and early sixties Bill Fairclough survived a few narrow escapes from death. Most of them involved his brother Peter (called Hugh in The Burlington Files series). Their mother (called Sara in The Burlington Files series) was his saviour and victim on more than one occasion.

• 1956 - Bill's elder brother Peter persuaded Bill to parachute from the top of their three-storey home onto a concrete pathway at the bottom of the garden some 40 feet below. He survived uninjured after landing in a bush by mistake. The parachute was made out of bed linen.

• 1957 - During a bit of rough and tumble in the back of their parents old Rover 12 car, Peter pushed Bill out of the car while travelling at about 50mph. Bill bounced along a grass verge by the side of the road until his mother stopped to admonish Peter. Later, she collected her youngest son who was shaken but not stirred as he chased after the car.

• 1958 - Bill fell through the ice on Norton Green duck pond into about five feet of icy water. He nearly drowned but was rescued just in time. He soon recovered after a bout of hypothermia. Again, it was arguably all Peter's fault. He had dared his younger brother to walk across the iced-over pond.

• 1959 - Their mother was sometimes the victim though. She actually passed out as Bill chased Peter across the main road running through Norton Green. Peter had run across the road before two buses going in opposite directions passed by. Bill gave chase without looking and miraculously ran unscathed between the buses, both of which ended up on the pavements on opposite sides of the road. Most who've read Beyond Enkription would have thought that nothing could faze Sara Burlington.

• 1963 - Bill got acute appendicitis while on a school sponsored tour in the Alps and nearly died. He was rushed to a hospital in Innsbruck, Austria and underwent an emergency operation in the nick of time. The hospital was more than 100 miles from the place in the Alps where Bill was initially diagnosed. When he came around, the school group, which included his brother, had left for England. The local Cardinal, later to become Pope John Paul II, visited him as did his mother whom the press described as being in a mercy dash to save her youngest child.

• 1963 - While in Austria, in the confusion no one remembered Bill didn't have his own passport. He had crossed Europe on the school group passport. That didn't daunt his mother though. She calmly smuggled him across four borders back to England as if it were a training exercise for her youngest son. What else would you expect from Sara Burlington?

• 1964/1965 - Mind you, as you would expect of Bill, this was but one of three holidays in a row in the early sixties fraught with danger (as noted above). On the other two holidays his boat sank and the flat he stayed in was burnt to ashes. Whether the brothers in any way contributed to these calamities can only be the subject of speculation.

• 1965 - Once ensconced in St Peter's School York, Bill's appetite for risk-taking increased exponentially. However, in contrast with his earlier days, while at boarding school the nearest thing to a life-threatening event arose was when blowing up a derelict house on Clifton, Rawcliffe and Poppleton Ings. The home-made explosives had been obtained during several weeks of chemistry lessons, but the fuse failed. Accordingly, a makeshift substitute, a piece of paper, was used. It only lasted seconds before triggering an almighty explosion.

Bizarre Events 1955/1968

At Red House School, a preparatory school in Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, it wasn't long before Peter and Bill were nicknamed the terrible twins albeit Peter was the elder by some 18 months. They caused havoc wherever they went in those golden days in the fifties and early sixties.

• 1958 - The twins faced attempted murder charges for bombarding their sunbathing neighbours with sharpened bamboo canes. This was in their Cowboy and Indian phase when, on being invited to parties, they had been known to bring other people's horses along and tie them up inside if it was raining or snowing. The attempted murder charges were dropped once the police established their ages. No life changing damage was done to those of their neighbours and their guests who were admitted to hospital.

• 1958 - Bill was almost expelled for misbehaviour in Latin classes supervised by Bertram Surtees-Raine, the headmaster. On being asked to translate "was" ("fuit") he accidentally inserted a "ck" in the translation. His parents persuaded Surtees-Raine, a formidable character, to be lenient. It was, after all, an innocent mistake.

• 1959 - Bill was nearly expelled again when he got into a fight with another boy and broke a master's tyre pump over his head causing collateral damage to the boy's head. Bill's parents persuaded Surtees-Raine to be lenient again. After all, the other boy was older than their youngest son and shouldn't have picked a fight in the first place. More importantly, Bill's parents bought a brand-new replacement tyre pump which worked wonders in becalming the most audible complainants.

• 1959 - At a village fête in Norton, Bill guessed the raffle tickets had come from the local newsagent so he went and bought a book of identical tickets from the shop. When he later purchased tickets at the fête, he surreptitiously substituted them with ones he knew would win. After securing an embarrassingly large number of bottles of spirits for his father, he finally ended his remarkable run of luck by winning a budgerigar named Harry.

• 1959/1961 - Bill started smoking in 1959 and drinking in 1961 while at Red House School. He only stopped in 2011 which, when added together, represented a century of sin. At about that time in 1960 he was yet again nearly expelled, despite having pleased Surtees-Raine by passing the 11+ exams with aplomb when only ten years' old.

• 1960 - On this near expulsion occasion Bill was displaying his leadership qualities during a snowstorm. He led a hand-picked team of precision snow-ballers, including Peter his brother, and surrounded a nearby school. No one could come or go for about an hour without being pelted with snowballs. The police were called but the hostage takers had melted away. On interrogation by Surtees-Raine, the headmaster noted that all those who had been rounded up for missing lessons were coincidentally all each other's alibis. This was essential training for Bill's future.

• 1961 - Bill had inherited a ruthless streak: doubtless his mother was responsible! He carried out a revenge attack on someone who had pulled a chair from underneath him thereby fracturing his coccyx which bedevilled him with pain throughout his life. As one would expect, he tried to blow up the noxious boy's father's Bentley R Type to remind him he would never be safe again. The improvised explosive device was a large banger and the car's petrol tank. It was a taste of the future for this vile child who we won't name. Some ten years later he had to leave England for good in one hell of a hurry to escape Bill's fury.

• 1962 - Bill's final near expulsion from Red House School was for assaulting a visiting football team. His distraught parents persuaded Surtees-Raine to be lenient again on specious grounds. As Bill's parents put it, surely just one of his pupils accompanied by a friend wouldn't take on and beat up an entire football team unless they had been brutally provoked.

• 1962 - Before leaving Red House School, Bill was drummed out of the scouts. A special ceremony took place during which all his badges and medals were cut off in front of the whole scout troop. Allegedly, Bill had not been clean in thought, word and deed. He claimed he had been seduced by the new petite trainee French teacher. She claimed assault. It boiled down to her word against his and Surtees-Raine wasn't sure who to believe so there was no expulsion, just a humiliating ceremony. At that time no one had the proof Bill was gifted a few years later when he accidentally bumped into her in Quimper in Brittany, France.

• 1962 - Talking of gifts, while still living in Norton Green, Bill was given a puppy by a friend and hid Scamp the puppy in the annex he lived in knowing his parents would object if they found out. After a couple of weeks, Tigger the cat found Scamp the puppy and brought him into the living room by the scruff of his neck while all the family were watching television. A few weeks later Bill's parents had Scamp put down.

• 1963 - Bill's mother understandably kept an eye out after the French mistress episode. In fact, she spied on her younger son. Indeed, on a later occasion she put a knife to his throat and swore she would kill him if he made anyone pregnant. But all's well that ends well. Bill's father didn't believe his youngest son when he called to say he had won a full fee paying scholarship to St Peter's School York. His incredulity was understandable. Even Bertram Surtees-Raine felt his tolerance had been vindicated and the success of "JWP Fairclough" was etched in history on the plaque in the assembly hall listing Red House School's scholars.

• 1963/1968 - Armed with a scholarship Bill headed for boarding school at St Peter's School in York. As his father said, God help them. During his time at St Peter's School York, as already noted, Bill was far from a saint. However, being a scholar made him safe from expulsion despite being perpetually in trouble for drinking, smoking and other law-breaking. Those who bestowed scholarships were loath to remove them as that would reflect badly on themselves. Hence, Bill was gated for well over 50% of his time at school. Being gated meant that every ten minutes outside of lessons he had to get a master's or prefect's signature to prove he was still on the premises. Similarly, when attending lessons, he had to collect signatures too. This was ideal training for forging signatures in future years.

• 1964/1965 - Underneath what was the Manor House, a few rooms were secretly built by the pupils for recreational purposes such as smoking and drinking. Needless to say, Bill was a regular visitor. They may still exist.

• 1965 - On one occasion in the sixties a master was shot. Apparently, no one held a grudge against the master concerned. Those involved were allegedly just testing the gun's iron sights. The master recovered. The gun was never found. No one was apprehended for the crime.

• 1965 - Just as Bill had been ceremoniously removed from the scouts, so he was unceremoniously removed from St Peter's School's Combined Cadet Force. While on an army shooting range, he orchestrated the eradication of self-selected targets with his classmates instead of shooting as instructed at the intended targets. Maybe the UK Ministry of Defence should have noted this incident; perhaps MI6 did.

• 1965 - Bill inadvertently got involved in a protection racket. At the time he was the youngest person ever to be named in a phone-tap court order. Before going to boarding school, he was already earning more than the average family in the UK courtesy of his having become a successful numismatist. Accordingly, when asked to sell large numbers of rare gold coins he naturally obliged without giving it a second thought. What teenage numismatist wouldn't?

• 1965 - The treasure trove of coins had been stolen to pay off gambling debts accumulated by members of an illegal casino in York. The coins were worth well over £100 each. The casino was allegedly run by people connected to the school. Well, they had to be, or they wouldn't have approached Bill via a day boarding prefect. Precisely what Bill knew at the time is unknown, but he appreciated the free supplies of some of the best Brazilian cigars you could buy in the UK in the sixties. He also made significant profits from trading the coins.

• 1965 - Bill possessed an instinctive flair for profitable quick wins, preferably before anyone else noticed what had gone missing. When the weather was clement and he was not coining it in from numismatics, Bill would allegedly supplement his income by supplying a local disreputable scrap metal dealer with conveniently "loose" chunks of lead from the roofs of school buildings. His definition of loose, however, was admirably entrepreneurial. He was never caught at it even though it entailed lugging the lead in broad daylight through the streets of York until he could use his hidden car.

• 1966 - Other rumours about Bill's entrepreneurial skills included his indulging in a brisk trade in supposedly secure watermarked examination papers. Unfortunately for his headmasters, their interpretation of "secure" proved rather less robust than Bill's interpretation of "accessible". Again, he was never caught at it even though it entailed unauthorised access to the unchecked stocks of the special paper purportedly controlled by the school's headmasters.

• 1966 - Bill could not tolerate bullies so when his brother Peter told Bill he was being bullied by a larger than life slob from his year in the Rise (a boarding house in St Peter's School attended by Peter) Bill's response was swift and effective. Bill lured the somewhat obese thug into the school gym and with his friends orchestrated a mock execution of the boy using the climbing ropes hanging from the ceiling. He was petrified and never bothered Bill's brother again.

• 1966 - Bill was arrested for underage drinking on more than one occasion in more than one country but sometimes carried his brother Peter's ID with him. That helped minimise the number of times he was actually arrested except when they were out causing trouble together.

• 1966 - As for driving laws, Bill bought his first car in 1966 before he was legally old enough to drive. He didn't bother about trivial issues such as a driving license, car insurance, car tax or MOT testing for the cars he bought and sold until he had crashed a few. Again, his brother's driving license apparently helped him avoid being arrested on several occasions. Nevertheless, the police reported him (or his brother!) for various offences to either his parents or Mr J Dronfield or Mr P D R Gardiner, St Peter's School's headmasters in 1966 up to 1968.

• 1966/1968 - Bill always had a car stashed away in a rented garage a stone's throw from the Manor House in which he was a boarder. It was easier to escape being gated that way once he had forged the requisite signatures or absented himself from lessons on medical grounds.

• 1967 - According to two masters at St Peter's School York in the sixties, to the best of their knowledge Bill Fairclough was the most gated, beaten and punished boy in the school's history since it was founded by Saint Paulinus of York in 627AD. They should have known too. One of them, Mr F J

Wiseman (a Latin teacher) wrote the official Recent History of St Peter's School and the other, a house master (of School House) and history teacher called Mr K H Rhodes, helped Mr Wiseman author the book because of his unique knowledge of the school. Ignoring three years at university, Mr Rhodes had spent his entire life at the school having literally been born on the premises; his mother was even a matron at the Manor House.

• 1968 - It is interesting to note that in Bill's final school report, Mr P D R Gardiner, the headmaster at the time, made a quite scurrilous comment about Bill's character which was odd because Bill could not recall ever having met him. Gardiner could have made many incisive and critical truthful comments given Bill's record of disobedience particularly as he had been suspended in his last few days at St Peter's School. Why Gardiner wrote what he wrote will remain a mystery forever.

10 PERILOUS MOMENTS & BIZARRE EVENTS 1968/1973

Perilous Moments 1968/1973

Bill's life was hectic on many simultaneous fronts after leaving St Peter's School York in 1968, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant and later leaving the UK for the Bahamas in 1974. His activities in 1974 were as narrated in Beyond Enkription. From 1968 to 1973 he was involved in nightclubs, casinos, discos and the music business while supposedly studying to become a Chartered Accountant at Coopers & Lybrand. He also became ensnared in and infiltrated organised crime gangs while unwittingly working for MI6 and Special Branch.

• 1968 - As a sign of things to come, Bill crashed his mother's Mini when he was 16 and failed his first driving test after driving into a lorry. However, more seriously, while driving a DAF 55 in the early hours after a heavy drinking session in the Croft Spa Hotel near Darlington in the late sixties, Bill hit an obstruction in the road and plummeted down an almost sheer 50 feet drop. He was temporarily concussed and awoke to find himself covered in petrol and trapped inside an upside-down car which was wedged between rocks. His first thought was where's the cigarette he was smoking! Bill managed to force a buckled door to bend enough to escape. A local farmer had called the emergency services, but they weren't required, by Bill anyway. He lived to die another day. Contrary to the advice given to him by the farmer, he managed to help himself to a large whiskey before the police arrived. In so doing he rendered any attempts to breathalyse him futile; the law has changed since then.

• 1968 - Following a large win at a casino in Stockton-on-Tees, Bill decided to fly to Nice in France. From there he hitch-hiked to Ventimiglia in Italy on the French/Italian border to see his girlfriend. On the way back, he lost all his money in a casino in Menton in France which didn't help matters as he was feeling extremely unwell. He lay low in the luxury of the plush Hotel Negresco in Nice for a couple of nights until he was repatriated by the British Consulate. In the Hotel Negresco, he secretly stayed in one of their lounges for free. On repatriation, he was flown out as the sole first class passenger, the front of the plane having been screened off from other passengers for medical reasons. On landing he was taken by ambulance to a hospital where he was diagnosed as seriously ill with some form of typhus which he had contracted while sleeping on Menton beach close to a sewer.

• 1968 - Near Hartlepool in the North of England, Bill Fairclough avoided what he thought was going to be a gangland style execution by jumping out of a car as it pulled up at a roundabout. The car was being driven by a nightclub owner he knew. Coincidentally, the club they were going to visit was torched that night. Those allegedly responsible for the arson were the Luvaglio mob (involved in the infamous one-armed bandit murder in 1967) on which the original film Get Carter starring Michael

Caine was based. However, many thought the Kray twins might have been responsible as Luvaglio claimed he had been framed by them.

• 1969 - In Darlington, again in the sixties in the North of England, two bouncers known to Bill had been following him and attempted to harm him or worse. He left them alive, hanging from a lamppost by the chains they had on them. The chains were those the bouncers had tried to tie him up with before abducting him and disposing of his body.

• 1969 - In Stockton-on-Tees an attack by thirty or so mercenaries on a nightclub Bill was involved in was repelled. It was believed that the attackers were hired by gangsters from the West End of London. Several of the bouncers defending the club suffered irreparable brain damage and other injuries from which they never recovered or died soon afterwards. The same could be said of those carrying out the attack.

• 1971 - Bill was walking along the beach at Seaton Carew in the North of England with a friend who was gesticulating with his hand when a bullet lodged in the back of it. The trajectory of the bullet was such that had it not hit his hand Bill would have died instantly from a shot to the head. It was probably fired using a Remington rifle. The assassin was never traced. It was thought those who had recently bought the lease to a local defunct nightclub may have been responsible. Bill was present and involved in negotiating the sale of the worthless lease.

• 1971 - At a party near Darlington in the North of England several armed gangsters tried to shoot their way in to snatch Bill. They were shot at and fled. Sadly, some of them were injured.

• 1971 - Bill was driving down South and raced his father's high-powered Hillman Hunter with a sports car. The race ended up in a forty-vehicle pile-up outside Aylesbury thanks mainly to the sports car braking too hard. After checking those involved were uninjured, Bill drove away thinking his father's car had only suffered minor bumps and bruises. He collected his brother Peter from Oxford and drove up North at speed. The car was taken to a garage for minor repairs. Bill was told it was too dangerous to drive and it was scrapped. The mechanic could not believe the car had just travelled over 200 miles at an average speed of 80mph.

• 1972 - In the Cromwell Road in London Bill was shot at several times after leaving the Cromwellian Club. He had been trying to get the hostesses to go on strike. The club frequently changed ownership. Over the years it was used by the likes of Jimi Hendrix, The Animals (whom Bill had known from his days up North) and Elton John. It was one of Bill's favourite haunts for over a decade.

• 1973 - A West End gangster issued a contract on Bill's life after meeting him in Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in Soho only to disappear himself. He was locked up for ten years without parole for armed robbery. Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club was one of Bill's favourite haunts in London.

• 1973 - On Guy Fawkes' night Bill and a girlfriend of his were visiting a nightclub in Denman Street off Piccadilly Circus in Soho. She threw some firecrackers over the bar for a laugh, but it backfired. Several guests drew handguns and started shooting at one another. Miraculously no one was shot dead or even injured by shrapnel.

Bizarre Events 1968/1973

• 1968 - Bill got a scholarship to Keble College, Oxford but after one of his interviewers witnessed his behaviour it was not awarded as explained in Beyond Enkription.

• 1969 - In Stockton-on-Tees Bill was breathalysed over 100 times outside one of his nightclubs. If he ever tested positive the police would drive him and his car home.

• 1969 - The police chased Bill across the Yorkshire Moors but lost him after he turned his lights off. He slept that night at a stranger's house lying on some coal buckets to keep dry.

• 1970 - After gatecrashing a local gang leader's party near Stockton-on-Tees, Bill was restrained by several bouncers who locked him in a first floor bedroom. Later, while the gang leader was interrogating Bill he tried to punch him but Bill ducked and the gangster inadvertently knocked out the bouncer holding Bill down. In the ensuing confusion, Bill escaped by jumping through the bedroom window.

• 1970 - After a visit to Change Is nightclub (owned by Bob Monkhouse) in Newcastle upon Tyne in the North of England, Bill was told he had a Chartered Accountancy qualification exam on bankruptcy and liquidations in the morning. At about 2.00am, somewhat worse for wear, he borrowed a book on the subject and read it. Previously, he had no idea those subjects were on the syllabus. It was only then when he was 20 that he discovered he had a photographic memory. He passed the exam.

• 1970 - Bill rented a spacious four bedroom flat above a fish and chip shop for £3 a week. It was by the docks in Portrack, Stockton-on-Tees. The flat was surrounded by a gypsy encampment next to two huge reeking collapsible gas storage cylinders. If you left a window open, the duvet would soon accumulate up to a centimetre of grease.

• 1970 - Bill was framed by a drug dealer from London who had been a pupil at Red House School with him. Following a tip-off, Bill was stopped at Scratchwood service station on the M1 just outside of London but only the boot of his Mark 1 Jaguar was thoroughly searched. No drugs were found. Bill returned to London rather than continuing on his journey up North in order to have a chat with his old friend. The dealer left England in a hurry to live in South Africa.

• 1971 - While on a holiday in Great Yarmouth and the Norfolk Broads yet another pleasure cruiser Bill was sailing was holed and nearly sank.

• 1972 - Bill was ejected from Annabel's Club in Berkeley Square and refused membership. Rumour has it that since then blackbirds no longer sing at night in Berkeley Square.

• 1972 - Would you believe it but Bill Fairclough was never been told why, when or how he was recruited by MI6 and whether or not his father was somehow involved.

• 1972 - Bill Fairclough had the unusual experience of inspecting (after hours) the documents laid out for the prosecution and the defence at a terrorist trial being held In The Old Bailey.

• 1972 - Bill drove from Jesmond in Newcastle upon Tyne to Piccadilly Circus in London within three hours in his modified Jaguar Mark 1. That's about 280 miles at an average speed knocking on 100mph. To many notable drivers, including Stirling Moss, Mike Hawthorn, Thomas Sopwith and Roy Salvadori, who had raced in that model of the Jaguar Mark 1, Bill was actually driving quite sedately.

• 1972/1973 - If Bill lost at the Mazurka, the Mandrake or the Golden Nugget (his favourite casinos in Soho), he would usually stay the rest of the night in the luxurious and secure men's toilets at Euston Station. The toilets were individually large enough to lie down in, always thoroughly cleaned at about 2.00am every morning and only cost two pence a night. What's more, a free bath and

breakfast were always available at several Bloomsbury hotels if you knew how to con your way past their receptionists.

• 1973 - In Mayfair, London Bill Fairclough silently broke into an apartment to photograph some documents using his faithful Minox camera. Unfortunately, the owner returned unexpectedly and sat down to work at the large table Fairclough had hidden under on hearing him approach the front door. For a few tedious hours, Fairclough remained motionless, waiting for him to turn his TV off and retire to bed so he could make his escape. The real challenge, however, was controlling his bursting bladder, having foolishly consumed too much lager before breaking into the apartment.

• 1973 - In Paris Bill was on his way to see a concert featuring Ange, the then leading French rock band which he later co-managed. The taxi driver said it might be difficult to get there because of the riots going on outside a nearby Rolling Stones' concert. In fact, there wasn't even a queue outside the Rolling Stones' concert. The rioting was fans trying to get into the Ange concert.

11 PERILOUS MOMENTS & BIZARRE EVENTS 1974 (BEYOND ENKRIPTION)

Beyond Enkription is set in 1974 and, inter alia, covers Bill Fairclough's involvement in Operation Standpipe and his ensuing months in the Americas. Without wishing to spoil the book, as it is based on Bill's life and experiences, one can conclude that in 1974 he survived. In fact he lived through about 10 death-defying incidents, several of which were attempted murders in the space of a year. They are detailed below in Section 16, the Chronology of Known Life-threatening Incidents, as incidents number 20 to 30.

All the bizarre events relating to Bill's activities in 1974 are explained in detail in the novel, Beyond Enkription. Nevertheless, a couple of the more notable events are included below.

• 1974 - While infiltrating a mafia operation in New York, Fairclough was given a guided tour of Greenwich Village and later invited to dine with several of their capos. During the tour, he was encouraged to select any restaurant that took his fancy, which he did after some half an hour of sightseeing. Two of the organisation's heavily built bodyguards promptly cleared the restaurant of its other patrons, who complied without protest. During this visit to New York, Fairclough observed that the same bodyguards, together with several equally formidable looking minders, followed him whenever he ventured out in the evenings to visit nightclubs.

• 1974 - As depicted in Chapter 37 of Beyond Enkription, an unusual incident took place on Saturday 21 December 1974 at Bermuda International Airport in Hamilton involving a Pan Am flight bound for London Heathrow. John Van de Weg, portrayed in Beyond Enkription as Commander Mark Burlington, was a law enforcement officer in Bermuda who served in Bermuda from 1967 to 1997. John arranged for Bill Fairclough and Vivienne Templeton, the pseudonym of a CIA operative based in Fort Lauderdale, to be marched off the aircraft at gunpoint in full view of the other passengers. Fortunately, there was no international incident, no hijacking attempt and no arrests. It was merely John's idea of a practical joke. Bill and Vivienne were eventually allowed back on board, although their fellow passengers appeared rather less amused than John.

12 PERILOUS MOMENTS & BIZARRE EVENTS 1975/1999

Perilous Moments 1975/1999

• 1975 - Bill contracted cytomegalovirus. According to the Lancet, he had the lowest red blood count ever recorded in the UK. He was read the last rites twice in Nassau (Bahamas) because of this illness.

• 1975 - While swimming off Governor's Beach (just West of the Nassau Beach Hotel) in New Providence Island in the Bahamas, Bill was surrounded by a shoal of barracuda. He had to undergo on-the-spot training in how to float back to land with his arms out of the water. The training was given by a Cuban who not only ran the CIA in the Bahamas but who'd lost part of his stomach to a shark. Afterwards, Bill confessed that he had never sweated in water before in his life.

• 1977 - A tropical storm damaged a plane on its way from Nassau (Bahamas) to Chicago. It had to make an emergency landing on foam at Miami International Airport. Bill was on board. Before boarding that plane, a senior Bahamian government official placed Bill in an airport warehouse and told him to find his suitcases. The warehouse had a corrugated iron roof, there were no windows, the doors were shut, and it was midday. He found his cases at the bottom of a pile from a jumbo jet after two hours lugging other cases aside. He was dripping.

• 1977 - Later that year, on another flight from Nassau (Bahamas), Bill was with a friend who just so happened to be a pilot. He noticed that the wheels may have jammed as it was coming into land at JFK Airport. Bill's friend ran down the aisle to warn the pilot just in time to avert a crash. The plane took off seconds before touching down and once the wheel mechanisms were working properly, it landed perfectly about half an hour later.

• 1977 - Bill survived a fatal head-on car crash. The other party involved was not so lucky. He was allegedly the leader of a criminal organisation. More details of this incident cannot be published for legal reasons.

• 1978 - A hurricane struck Toronto when Bill was working there. He and his colleagues had to be moved several blocks clinging to ropes chained between corner buildings as furniture swirled around them. The storm caused more than twenty deaths in downtown Toronto.

• 1979 - While heading to pick up a car that had been booked for him to collect at Miami International Airport Bill was shot at by unknown assailants. To this day he still believes it may have been a case of mistaken identity.

• 1979 - Bill landed at Heathrow Airport after having been diverted to Prestwick Airport in Scotland because of blizzards in England. All he had on was beach attire having left the Caribbean in haste. After eventually arriving in London he attended a meeting in Whitehall and continued to a flat in Lambeth where he was savagely attacked. With the help of others, he chased off the intruders.

• 1983 - While deep sea fishing off Oahu in Hawaii Bill, along with several other tourists, nearly drowned in an unexpected storm. The waves were over 40 feet high and everybody on board bar the captain was tied together and tied to life rafts.

• 1983 - While swimming off the West coast of Fiji, a four to five-foot sea snake wrapped itself round one of his legs and slithered upwards. Part of this tidbit may have been redacted but Bill was not!

• 1984 - In Europe Bill was shot at in a nightclub but escaped after a vicious fight ensued high up on a fire escape. He knew why he had been followed there.

• 1985 - In Malta Bill was poisoned after inexplicably being bitten by mosquitoes. There were over 200 bites on his back alone. When he woke up, he was in London. He had been jetted into the Hospital for Tropical Diseases.

• 1985 - In a 100mph plus car chase southbound on the M1 motorway in England, the other driver jettisoned parts of his car's loosened undercarriage in Bill's path. The debris missed his car narrowly averting a potentially fatal accident.

• 1985 - Again, while driving at about 100mph heading South down the M1 motorway in England, the nearside tyre of his car exploded and burst into flames almost resulting in a fatal crash involving several vehicles. He never discovered why it had exploded. Nor did the police.

• 1985 - A few days later, the police took his car away for inspection having received intelligence that it may have been booby-trapped with an explosive device. After his car was checked by the police, he was taken into protective custody pursuant to his father having reported a bomb threat to the City of London police.

• 1985 - Not long after the Maltese incident he was poisoned again, this time by unwittingly consuming a drink laced with an overdose of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD). Yet again he was hospitalised.

• 1985 - Shortly after leaving hospital having recovered from the LSD incident, Bill took a weekend break at a luxury hotel. He was the sole guest and the food that he had ordered had been poisoned by rogue intelligence agents.

• 1987 - In Rio de Janeiro Bill survived yet another life-threatening incident, this time on the way to the Galeão Airport outside Rio de Janeiro when he realised his taxi was being followed. The taxi driver thought Bill, who was sitting behind him, had put a knife at his throat. It was in fact a pen. Nevertheless, the driver rapidly changed direction, thereby avoiding an unrequested tour of the favelas and getting to the airport on time. However, on his arrival, Varig Airlines refused to take Bill on board until he had acquired a tie to wear. No wonder they closed in 2006.

• 1989 - Bill woke up to find his flat in Regents Park Road by Primrose Hill was littered with burnt matches and burn marks all over the carpets. An assailant known to him had tried to torch his flat using matches and lighter fuel after drugging him and leaving him to die. He never found out the real name of the seductress responsible for the attempted arson.

• 1991 - After the suspected arson attack on his office in Mercantile Credit (as explained above) he nearly fell to the ground while walking on girders high up above the gutted floors where the fire began.

• 1991 - Bill was reported as having been murdered. He had indeed survived a knife attack outside a Hong Kong nightclub in the early hours. What concerned Bill more than the failed attack on his person was how on earth the person who had made the report was so sure he had been murdered.

• 1991 - While on his way from London to New York Bill stopped off in St Lucia for a well-deserved break. He had a jet-ski race with another hotel guest and won outright. It was a Pyrrhic victory though. He had run out of fuel, couldn't even see land, dusk was settling fast as it does in the Caribbean and he had no lights and no cigarettes. Luckily, one of several fishing boats sent out to find him did so and towed him back in the dark.

• 1996 - An NCIS officer who was a long-standing close colleague of Barrie Parkes (who headed up Bill Fairclough's security) met an apparently suspicious death which may have been linked to FaireSansDire's activities.

• 1996 - In Surrey, Bill survived a drive-by shooting in Cheam and an attempted kidnap later that day in a pub garden where he was surrounded by ex-SAS bodyguards. At that time he had been assigned a team of bodyguards who were deployed in various locations in London and Surrey to protect both him, his family and others connected to FaireSansDire.

Bizarre Events 1975/1999

• 1975 - An area known as over the hill in Nassau on the South side of New Providence Island in the Bahamas was inhabited exclusively by blacks in the seventies. However, Bill was the only white welcomed in their clubs and only once experienced an unpleasant racial incident.

• 1976 - Bill became involved with a Columbian gang who like George Cockcroft alias Luke Rhinehart, the author of The Dice Man, lived by the throw of die. They were based in 48 Harley Street London in the late seventies and could often be seen going up and down Harley Street naked, much to the amusement of the girls from the Queen's College, London on the opposite side of the street. The gang used to select which crimes they would commit when and how in which countries by the throw of die.

• 1977 When asked to recall one of the most memorable moments of his life, Bill Fairclough cited an afternoon spent with the renowned cartoonist John Ryan. For a couple of hours, the two engaged in a spirited imaginary naval battle in Ryan’s attic. Ryan, as Captain Pugwash, ultimately emerged victorious, while Fairclough, cast as the villainous Cutthroat Jake, suffered a decisive defeat.

• 1977 - One of FaireSansDire's more unusual assignments involved assisting a young Russian Scientologist who had fled the USSR using a false Kuwaiti diplomatic passport. Trumped up charges had been levied against her relating to a murder in one of the former Soviet republics, making her departure particularly sensitive. After she had safely arrived in London, FaireSansDire helped her secure a Green Card, and she subsequently emigrated to the United States.

• 1978 - On one occasion Bill Fairclough was detained and questioned as a suspected spy upon arriving at a foreign airport. He deflected by explaining that they must be referring to FaireSansDire because as a risk management consultancy it had once engaged by that country’s equivalent of MI6. Fairclough omitted that it was in fact a covert intelligence organisation. At the time it had no public footprint, no filings and could not be searched online. The situation was resolved after his interrogators contacted a prearranged reference. The tension quickly dissipated, with Fairclough later spending time with them in the airport bar.

• 1978 - Before assisting in the establishment of FaireSansDire, Colonel Alan Pemberton appointed Barrie Parkes to oversee Bill Fairclough’s security. Coincidentally, and unbeknown to Pemberton at the time, Parkes and Fairclough had both been born in Stockton-on-Tees and raised in Norton, with their childhood homes situated less than half a mile from one another.

• 1978 - FaireSansDire was created and within less than six months one client had taken on Bill Fairclough’s services at an hourly charge-out rate of in excess of US$1,000,000.

• 1978 - Bill drove the length of Manhattan with no stops from West 219th Street by Baker Field to beyond Wall Street. Admittedly, he may have broken a light or two.

• 1979 - The White Horse pub at 45 Rupert Street in Soho was one of Fairclough’s favourite haunts, though its appeal was not immediately obvious at street level. From the outside it appears to be an unremarkable Soho pub. However, if you went upstairs you would have discovered that it

functioned as an informal gathering place for artistes from Raymond's Review Bar, who would congregate there between performances. Bill's other favourite pubs albeit for different reasons were The Queens in Regents Park Road, NW1 (Primrose Hill), The Dover Castle in Weymouth Mews, W1, The Victoria in Strathearn Place, W2 and The Aristocat in George Street, W1.
• 1982 - Pemberton's People discovered that a Maida Vale flat owned by Fairclough had been subjected to parallel wiretaps in the pre mobile phone era. Fairclough initially assumed he could avoid exposure by using a nearby public telephone box for communications, rather than the apartment line. Pemberton's counter intelligence advisers warned this was a miscalculation, having identified that the phone box itself had also been compromised, likely as a contingency measure in case the original surveillance was detected.

• 1984 - Bill flew from London to Hong Kong and back just to attend a party. The next year he arrived in Auckland, New Zealand on an Easter weekend only to find he couldn't even buy a drink in his hotel. He had to buy a take-away bottle of wine from a nearby brothel. Predictably, he left early the next morning for Sydney, Australia.

• 1985 - While in Athens at a large corporate gathering Bill threw the wrong sort of Greek plate at the stage. It hit the guy performing on stage on the head. He was taken to hospital.

• 1985 - Bill attended a meeting at a pub in Puddle Dock in London after being released from police protective custody up North. Despite it being only about 11.30am there were over a dozen people in the pub all dressed identically in beige trench coats with matching hats. He was only meant to meet one person described thus. Someone must have been taking the Michael.

• 1985 - Using venal BT engineers, FaireSansDire used to block the telephone lines of some of BT's customers thereby preventing them from receiving responses to advertisements for rental properties, job opportunities etc. This gave FaireSansDire a significant advantage by reducing competition and increasing the likelihood that its representatives would be selected.

• 1990 - While undertaking surveillance for Bill in Brixton, London, those involved played back the tape to check what had been recorded. Much to their bewilderment, they realised they had unintentionally taken pictures of what turned out to be a totally separate incident, a murder.

• 1991 - Bill's maritime skills surpassed themselves. Within two consecutive months he had crashed a speedboat off Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat in the South of France and then had to abandon a sinking rowing boat in the Serpentine in Hyde Park, London.

• 1991 - After the fire at Barclays' Mercantile Credit's Head Office in Basingstoke Bill had to try to rescue his bulletproof briefcase from his office which was almost inaccessible as the twelfth floor where it was situated had been gutted by the fire. With the help of some experts he managed to walk along the girders high up in the building and recover the remains of his briefcase. During that operation he slipped and almost fell to the ground. Nonetheless, apart from the fact that a Pentel pen had exploded inside the briefcase in the heat, its contents were still in perfect shape. His co-directors had only half-believed it was full of gems, until that day.

• 1991 - Sadly while dealing with the aftermath of the fire at Mercantile Credit in Basingstoke a close friend of Bill's tried to commit suicide in a flat he was renting in Weybridge. Luckily, the attempted suicide failed.

• 1991 - Later that year Bill Fairclough booked into a hotel in Europe and went for a drink in a nearby bar. He was advised to leave and having his passport on him flew out within a couple of hours of

having arrived in the country. He didn't even stop to get his luggage; that followed him back to London the next day.

• 1991 - In Hong Kong when Bill Fairclough was staying as usual in The Mandarin Oriental Hotel, a package addressed to James Bond was delivered to him. It had been couriered from Tokyo by a British soft commission broker working in Japan who had dined with him at the Mandarin Grill the night before. The package was delivered by the hotel's business support team who had close ties with FaireSansDire, and predictably suspected the package might be for FaireSansDire's boss, Mr Fairclough. The package contained a list of businessmen allegedly connected to various Yakuza and Triad gangs.

• 1991 - The dinner the night before must have been hilarious because Barrie Parkes had somehow infiltrated the hotel's Tannoy and speaker phone systems from Brussels. Barrie had audibly mocked those in the Mandarin Grill who were maintaining purportedly covert surveillance over Fairclough and taunted them. He ridiculed one of them for wearing a grimy Special Forces tie when in fact he'd never served in The Regiment and mocked another because her soiled wig was a futile disguise bearing in mind she wore it so often. The pair left somewhat red-faced before finishing their main courses. Having witnessed the commotion in the restaurant, the broker agreed to immediately report what he knew to the appropriate authorities as long as he could say in any court of law that he had not sent the data to Bill Fairclough or FaireSansDire as an intermediary for HMG. That was why the package was addressed to James Bond c/o The Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Hong Kong from Dr Yes … yes you may have guessed it!

• 1992 - The Head of Enforcement at the UK Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), Rod Sinclair, who was also a co-director of Bill Fairclough, informed Fairclough of his intention to appoint a former FBI executive as a director at BZW. Fairclough subsequently reviewed the individual's background and confirmed that he had indeed served with the FBI. However, he also discovered that a period described in the executive's CV as a "gap year travelling in Europe" in fact corresponded to a year spent in prison. Fairclough reported his findings to the FBI. The matter was, unsurprisingly, received with considerable embarrassment.

• 1993 - Bill Fairclough's first date with his future second wife, Josie, was memorable for all the wrong reasons. Seeking to make a good impression, he took her to Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London's Soho. The evening went splendidly until the small matter of a missing handbag. Shortly before they left in the early hours, Josie entrusted her handbag to Bill while she went to powder her nose. Unfortunately, Bill's attention wandered for just long enough for the handbag to acquire a new owner. Things then went from bad to worse. After hailing a taxi to take them back to Eton Place, Belgravia, where Josie lived, they somehow managed to get into the wrong cab and ended up in Shepherd's Bush instead. The loss of the handbag meant that Josie's house keys had also vanished. On arriving home, she had the unenviable task of waking someone up to let her into the house. Bill, meanwhile, decided that losing the keys of a Belgravia residence was not an ideal way to conclude a first date and called Barrie Parkes to arrange overnight security, just in case the handbag thief decided to pay an unexpected visit. Many men try to impress a woman with flowers, champagne or poetry. Bill chose a stolen handbag, a mystery taxi ride across London, a midnight lockout and emergency security measures. Remarkably, despite this catalogue of mishaps, the relationship survived. More remarkably still, it went on to produce over thirty years of marriage, proving that first impressions are not always the most reliable guide to future success.

• 1996 - Bill Fairclough was stopped by the police for speeding on the A1 whilst travelling up North. Luckily for Bill, he was only doing 149mph and was allowed to continue his journey.

• 1999 - In Manila in the Philippines Bill arrived at Manila Airport just as it was being flooded by Typhoon Dan which wreaked havoc in much of the Philippines, Taiwan and China.

• 1999 - Some PricewaterhouseCoopers partners worked out that during his lifetime Bill had consumed more meals at Simpson's-in-the-Strand in London than anyone else since it was founded in 1828. However, as one of them succinctly put it, proving it would be difficult given all the pseudonyms he had used to make reservations.

13 PERILOUS MOMENTS & BIZARRE EVENTS 2000 ONWARDS

Perilous Moments 2000 Onwards

• 2003 - After meeting the leaders of an international organised crime gang FaireSansDire had infiltrated Bill was again poisoned with lysergic acid diethylamide.

• 2006 - Whilst sitting outside a pub, a sniper aimed a rifle at him using a laser sight which was noticed by a friend of his; the sniper ran off once he realised he was being tracked down. Perhaps Bill should frequent pubs less!

• 2006 - Spot the difference? In the 1990s Alexander Litvinenko worked for Russian Intelligence, investigating, infiltrating and tackling international organised crime. He was poisoned with polonium-210 by Russian Intelligence operatives in London and died shortly afterwards on 23 November 2006. The case made headlines around the world and many books and films have been published about it. In the 1970s Bill Fairclough worked for British Intelligence, investigating, infiltrating and tackling international organised crime. He was poisoned with botulism toxin by another intelligence agency's operatives in London, went into a coma and nearly died. No one told the press about it and in 2014 a little-publicised book called Beyond Enkription was published, which disclosed what transpired.

• 2011 - When visiting an antiques fair in August of that year, Bill had a debilitating stroke which incapacitated him thereby forcing him into a wheelchair for several months. It was the night of the London riots and the ambulance that took him to St George's Hospital in Tooting was attacked by rioters.

• 2012 - Exactly a year after Bill had a debilitating stroke, he was poisoned in a restaurant whilst in South America: those responsible mistakenly thought he had fought in The Falklands War. The owners of the restaurant were Argentinian and when the booking for the restaurant had been made, it had mistakenly disclosed FaireSansDire was the organisation behind the reservation.

• 2019 - Bill was diagnosed as having prostate cancer. He underwent two operations, hormone therapy and radiotherapy lasting more than a year; the treatment was successful.

• 2022 - Bill was diagnosed as simultaneously having covid, pneumonia and bibasilar atelectasis (a collapsed lung) and admitted to hospital. He eventually recovered.

Bizarre Events 2000 Onwards

• 2000 - Bill was appointed the chairman of a new dental conglomerate which comprised legendary dentists from all over the world whose clients included the British royal family and US presidents.

• 2001 - Barrie Parkes died of cancer in Hillingdon, Middlesex, England. His funeral service was conducted by Padre Colin Hewitt, at that time the station Padre from RAF Uxbridge. The funeral service was interrupted from the outset by some loud electronic feedback from the microphone being used by the RAF Padre. The Padre commented that if anyone needed proof of life after death, the funeral service was being bugged by none other than Barrie Parkes.

• 2004 - Bill Fairclough worked with the security services in one country to infiltrate an organised crime gang involved in children smuggling in order to raise funds for a notorious terrorist organization. A mid-ranking police officer Bill knew set up a clandestine meeting in a local prison between Bill and the deputy-head of the country's equivalent to the FBI. Bill reported, inter alia, that while drinking with some of the crime gang leaders in a hotel bar, the Japanese ambassador entered the hotel with a heavily armed police protection squad headed up by the policeman responsible for setting up Bill's meeting. On seeing Bill, the somewhat naïve policeman waved at him. One of the gang's head honchos noticed and asked what the hell was going on. Bill, who was pretending to be a Caucasian agent for Far Eastern slave buyers, simply said "Now you know how deep we've infiltrated." Fortuitously, the gang leader believed him. For the record, there were four of his henchmen cutting off any exit Bill might have made from where he was sat with his back to the wall.

• 2007 - While in Panama City, Panama working on a FaireSansDire assignment, Bill Fairclough was beginning to wonder why it had become difficult to move around without being tailed by a particular counter-intelligence officer who was sometimes backed up by a large military escort. In a casino Bill frequented, his tail even warned Bill to stop betting on the back of the house to enrich himself. Later, the same sharp-eyed counter-intelligence operative had the audacity to ask Bill Fairclough about the Nisha incident and if he was visiting Panama to prevent a not dissimilar attempt to blow up the Panama Canal.

• 2007 - Later in the year Bill Fairclough was reprimanded by one of his security colleagues from FaireSansDire for recklessly attending a meeting without any back-up or security while investigating people involved in an international underground Neo-Nazi movement based in Germany. His colleague, from a specialised law enforcement agency, would have had a fit had he known that in the seventies through to the nineties Bill had been known to use gypsies, gangsters, mafia, taxi drivers, hell's angels, hookers, pickpockets and even tramps for security although on occasion they may have been real security specialists operating incognito.

• 2007/10 - Bill Fairclough investigated the impact that self-interested financial institutions and organised criminal networks were having on UK house prices, particularly through alleged manipulation and fraud in valuations, mortgage lending and insurance practices. He subsequently reported his findings to the relevant authorities, including Alistair Darling, who was then serving as Chancellor of the Exchequer. His reporting went on to observe, with some sobriety, that simply imprisoning offenders did not necessarily disrupt these activities for long. In some cases, he noted, certain organised crime groups appeared to treat high security prisons less as a deterrent and more as an inconveniently located administrative hub for coordinating their illegal activities.

• 2009 – FaireSansDire was asked to review an international law firm's background checks on the defendant in a complex case where the lawyers concerned acted for the plaintiff. It soon became clear that the defendant and plaintiff were controlled by the same company and the sole purpose of the litigation was to launder money.

• 2010 - FaireSansDire was asked by an Australian businessman to assist in preparing a prospectus. The assignment was declined after FaireSansDire discovered that the draft document contained

purported endorsements and favourable references attributed to the Serious Fraud Office which, upon examination, proved to be false.

• 2010 - FaireSansDire once identified and leveraged security vulnerabilities in Microsoft's Internet Explorer, which at the time allowed FaireSansDire's personnel to covertly obtain photographic images of individuals during their use of the worldwide web.

• 2010 - FaireSansDire was accused of interference in the Ukrainian election that saw Viktor Yanukovych (Putin's puppet) installed as the fourth Ukrainian president. In fact, FaireSansDire was conducting a complex investigation in Kiev (albeit organised from Azerbaijan for legal reasons) concerning the alleged theft by an organised crime gang of some rather valuable intellectual property.

• 2010 - Not long after the Ukrainian investigation, towards the end of a four-hour meeting between Bill Fairclough and a FaireSansDire client at Hotel Ten Manchester Street in the West End of London, an unknown gentleman approached Fairclough and proudly announced that (using directional microphones) "they" had got "every word". Pretending to be shaken but certainly not stirred, Bill left for FaireSansDire's safer usual meeting place at Les Ambassadeurs where he was joined by his colleagues whom he thanked for the advance notice that his earlier meeting was a trap. His client, who was probably not part of the trap, had listened intently as Bill took him through his life history in what appeared to be an earnest four-hour conversation between friends. Bill estimated it would have taken the eavesdroppers many man months to realise they had recorded nothing of value. If they hadn't unlawfully recorded the conversation they would have saved themselves a lot of wasted time and effort.

• 2010 - FaireSansDire was asked to pitch for an assignment with one of the largest USA based global law firms. Bill Fairclough attended an interview and beat his prestigious competitors from the USA, Russia and Israel. As soon as FaireSansDire was awarded the assignment involving research into mafia activities in a European country, Bill notified the law firm that they had a mole. He had already discovered that those to be investigated had inadvertently tipped off FaireSansDire that they knew FaireSansDire was competing for the assignment. They had unwittingly left evidence of having spent hours visiting FaireSansDire's website before Fairclough had been interviewed by the law firm. The partners concerned appeared to have no clue just how damaging this incident could be to the law firm's worldwide reputation.

• 2011 - Lawyers are frequently presumed to be masters of detail. Experience suggests otherwise. FaireSansDire has lost count of the number of times legal professionals have solemnly commissioned investigations into people or businesses whose names they had misspelt, only half remembered, or, on occasion, did not know at all. Some instructions have contained so little identifying information that they resembled clues from a pub quiz rather than professional briefs. It is therefore prudent never to assume that a lawyer's confidence in a name is matched by its accuracy.

• 2012 - FaireSansDire uncovered an ingenious long running fraud at a pawnbroking business. One of the directors routinely recorded only vague generic descriptions of high value jewellery lodged as security. If the items remained unredeemed after six years, he would clandestinely replace the original jewels with far cheaper lower grade pieces that still technically matched the deliberately broad descriptions entered years earlier in the records. Assisted by a relative, he would then pawn or sell the genuine high value jewels elsewhere and pocket the difference.

• 2012 - FaireSansDire was investigating European boiler room frauds which totalled more than US$20,000,000 and all of which were or appeared to be connected. Given the size of the frauds Bill

Fairclough approached the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) for help regarding accessing certain overseas data. The SFO declined to help on the grounds that it only had jurisdiction over England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

• 2013 - During efforts to determine Edward Snowden's whereabouts, a lawyer known to FaireSansDire who had US intelligence links reported to Bill Fairclough that he had recovered hundreds of documents containing secret information allegedly taken by Snowden. According to the lawyer, the documents were discovered in a bath tub in a Brussels apartment. The lawyer stressed that there was no evidence of money laundering at the premises, although finding a large quantity of sensitive documents in a bath tub did suggest that somebody might have been trying to wash more than their hands of any links to the stolen documents. Sounds a tad like an episode from a soap opera!

• 2013 - During a routine FaireSansDire assignment it was discovered that there might be an arms cache in an apartment overlooking the US embassy in London. Fairclough reported it to the appropriate authorities.

• 2014 - Bill Fairclough was banned from Les Ambassadeurs. It is not known if the reason for his expulsion was that he had been spotted demonstrating to a City lawyer how to plant a bug in a flower pot!

• 2015 - FaireSansDire collaborated with Henrietta Ferguson Luxury Tours, a UK luxury travel company, to provide bespoke espionage themed tours for their American clients with an interest in intelligence history. Inter alia, these tours featured locations in London associated with Bill Fairclough's life in 1974, as described in Beyond Enkription. The tours enjoyed a solid measure of success and attracted considerable interest, but were discontinued in 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

• 2016 - Bill was yet again in peril on the open seas. This time he was apprehended by the French Navy while travelling in a speedboat at thirty knots in a restricted area. He was exploring the waters by Pointe-à-Pitre International Airport in Guadeloupe which is technically part of France. He was sailing too close to the airport runway on 26 January 2016 during a state of national emergency pursuant to a recent spate of terrorist attacks in France. Bill's wife was blissfully unaware that they were being chased by a French Navy patrol.

• 2025 - Bill Fairclough spurned interviews for most of his life but agreed to do his first ever interview on radio. The interview was conducted by Sasi Alami in Spanish for broadcast on 22 March 2025 and 26 April 2025 on the international espionage cognoscenti's radio program of choice, Código Crystal on Radio Televisión Española (RTVE), Spain's equivalent of the BBC.

• 2025 - Fairclough acknowledged that FaireSansDire may at times have undertaken assignments that effectively constituted intelligence work for various national agencies whose ultimate identities were not always known. Where intermediaries or "cut-outs" were used, the true end client was not always apparent, making it difficult to establish whether such work was knowingly undertaken as intelligence activity or only later understood in that context.

• 2026 - This biography of circa 80 A4 pages started off as one page of FaireSansDire's website. Since going public in 2010, TheBurlingtonFiles website (which includes FaireSansDire's website) has had in excess of one million unique visitors from more than 200 jurisdictions. Bill Fairclough's biographies have been browsed through or read more than one million times.

14 THE BURLINGTON FILES

Bill Fairclough started writing The Burlington Files in 1975. However, it was only in 2009 that work on the project began in earnest. The Burlington Files series was to be based on Bill Fairclough's experiences running a double or triple life including the activities undertaken by FaireSansDire which he controlled. The intellectual property rights of The Burlington Files were initially vested in an English company, The Burlington Files Limited.

Beyond Enkription is the first and only stand-alone novel (written for film adaptation) in the series to be published. At circa 180,000 words it is believed to be the longest spy novel published in this century or was so at the time of publication. It took circa 10,000 hours to write and research. For most people working in the UK that is equivalent to more than five years' work and that is for just one book. Part of the core plot in Beyond Enkription is centred on the misspelling of encryption.

The plan was for there to be six quasi-autobiographical novels in the series. Beyond Dekription, the second novel, has been drafted. The other books are at varying stages of production. The plan was that all the novels were to be written in such a way that they could more easily be converted to become the bases for either full-length feature films and/or television series. Bill Fairclough christened them novelogs and they are not dissimilar to grown up versions of Anne Frank's Diaries.

In summary, The Burlington Files was intended to become a series of sui generis spy thrillers based mainly on the life of Bill Fairclough aka Edward Burlington but also loosely on the lives of his family and his colleagues. Many of them worked for decades as governmental employees or assets or employees of intelligence agencies such as the Central Intelligence Agency or MI6 (and indeed privately for FaireSansDire itself). The action and plots were to rapidly spread across the globe as time passes. The series was to cover a chain of interconnected plots (and family life) running from the Second World War through to the Edward Snowden era.

Beyond Enkription is a stand-alone novel set in 1974 in the heart of the disco-fevered seventies, the Cold War and the escalating Irish Troubles in the purportedly united British Isles. It features, among others, Roger and Sara Burlington, Edward's parents, who have been involved in espionage since 1939. While Roger is still a member of the UK's Joint Intelligence Committee, Sara's address book appears to be more like a Who's Who of NATO's intelligence officers than a housewife's little black book. Both Roger and Sara desperately wanted their sons, Hugh and Edward, to follow in their footsteps but things didn't go to plan, given Edward's rebellious nature.

Consequently, Edward unwittingly ends up working as an MI6 asset. Early in 1974 he is nearly killed not once, but four times. Indirectly it is all MI6's fault so far as his parents are concerned. Sara decides someone high up in MI6 must pay and persuades Roger to exact revenge. Meanwhile Edward is sent to supposed safety from London town to Nassau (Bahamas) to further his career as an accountant.

However, the CIA had a representative on the UK's Joint Intelligence Committee and was therefore already aware of Edward's exploits and capabilities. They turn him into their asset within 48 hours of his landing in Nassau (Bahamas). Meanwhile Edward's brother Hugh seems to be somehow involved with MI6. That relationship becomes increasingly intriguing as the entangled plots and layered webs of deceit, betrayal and revenge reverberate across the world and throughout the Burlington family and their trusted supporters.

Future Publications

When The Burlington Files project was conceived, it was envisaged as a series of up to six quasi-autobiographical espionage thrillers following Bill Fairclough's overt and covert careers and his involvement with FaireSansDire and Pemberton's People. As noted on TheBurlingtonFiles.org website when the project was launched in 2013, “These books were intended to form the basis for a series of films and, if no films are released successfully the number of novels issued may be reduced because of the time and cost required to publish each one.”

The first volume, Beyond Enkription, was published in 2014. However, for security, legal, commercial and other reasons it became the only volume to be published. In July 2026 Bill Fairclough decided not to revise, complete or publish the remaining planned volumes in The Burlington Files series. That decision reflected his view that the investigations, assignments, personalities and events originally intended for the unpublished novels are now documented more comprehensively within this online biography on TheBurlingtonFiles.org website.

Accordingly, should feature films, television productions or documentaries based on his life be developed, this online biography already provides an authoritative, reasonably comprehensive and readily accessible body of source material. It was compiled with that possibility in mind and now largely supersedes the need for further full-length volumes in The Burlington Files series. Publishing additional books would add comparatively little while creating significant legal, commercial and practical complications.

John le Carré, whose novels inspired numerous acclaimed screen adaptations, once observed that "Having your book turned into a movie is like seeing your oxen turned into bouillon cubes." Whether or not one shares that sentiment, it serves as a wry reminder that the film adaptation of a book (that might have taken years to write) is not always an entirely positive experience for some authors. With the essential material now publicly accessible and already available on this website, there is now little practical justification for publishing further volumes.

Some may question why this decision was not taken earlier. Others may simply observe that it is remarkable that Bill Fairclough succeeded in writing and self-publishing Beyond Enkription, substantially completing the draft of Beyond Dekription and assembling the extensive biographical, historical and documentary resource now available on TheBurlingtonFiles.org website.

As explained elsewhere in his biography, much of that work was undertaken despite prolonged periods of serious illness. Following a debilitating stroke in 2011, he also contended over subsequent years with significant cardiovascular diseases, prostate cancer, chronic cerebral small vessel disease, COVID-19 with complications, COPD, oesophagitis and numerous other medical conditions, several of which required major medical treatment or surgery. Viewed in that context, the most surprising fact is not that no further novels are planned, but that so much of the project was, one way or another, completed.

Bill Fairclough and TheBurlingtonFiles Trust remain willing to consider proposals for feature films, television productions and documentary programmes based upon his experiences. Should additional unpublished material be released in future, it is expected to be incorporated into this biography rather than published as further volumes in The Burlington Files series.

15 SELECTED RESEARCH SOURCES & FURTHER READING

11.1 Introduction

The following references are provided primarily as a research resource for readers wishing to explore subjects mentioned elsewhere in this biography in greater depth. They include official records, company filings, published interviews, historical articles, books, photographs, archival material and other publicly available sources relating to Bill Fairclough, FaireSansDire, Pemberton's People, The Burlington Files, Beyond Enkription and associated people, organisations and events.

The selection of references may at first seem puzzling. Many obvious sources have been omitted, while some included here may appear, prima facie, obscure or even irrelevant. That is no accident. Every reference has been chosen with care, just as every omission has been deliberate. Names of people, places and other notable subjects not referenced in this Section (or elsewhere) can generally be verified through publicly available encyclopaedic sources and are readily discoverable using leading AI search services and conventional internet search engines.

The references are arranged alphabetically by subject. Inclusion of a website does not imply endorsement of all material published there. External websites are maintained by third parties and their content or availability may change without notice.

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Background information concerning Advanced Technologies Group and related corporate developments.

• http://bit.ly/ATGArticle

Former Serious Fraud Office executives associated with the collapse of the ATG airship venture.

• http://citywire.co.uk/money/former-sfa-chief-and-city-bigwigs-caught-up-in-collapse-of-airship-firm/a268403

Sky News report on the Airlander ("Flying Bum") project.

• https://news.sky.com/story/flying-bum-10549841

11.3 Colonel Alan Brooke Pemberton CVO MBE

Biographical article concerning Colonel Alan Brooke Pemberton CVO MBE.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2020.01.07.php

Further references appear under **FaireSansDire** below.

11.4 Alexander Litvinenko

Background article concerning Alexander Litvinenko and Bill Fairclough.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2022.11.23.php

11.5 Beyond Enkription - Retail & Publishing

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Amazon (United States)

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Dolman Scott (original hardback publisher)

• http://dolmanscott.co.uk

Audiobook information.

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11.6 Background Checks

FaireSansDire article describing background checks and due diligence.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/Faire-Sans-Dire/background-checks-tales-of-the-unexpected/index.php

11.7 Barclays Group

Barclays Mercantile Highland Finance Limited - Official Companies House record.

• https://companycheck.co.uk/company/00868233/BARCLAYS-MERCANTILE-HIGHLAND-FINANCE-LIMITED/companies-house-data

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Owen Rout - Public obituary notice.

• https://www.eadt.co.uk/memorials/death-notices/death/30044226.owen-rout/

Oliver Henry James Stocken - Corporate appointments recorded by OpenCorporates.

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General background.

• https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Barclays

11.8 Barrie Northend Parkes BEM

Photograph and tribute (published with the permission of Barrie Parkes' family).

• https://twitter.com/fairesansdire/status/1050805838812729344

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2019.03.19.php

11.9 Bermudan Law Enforcement

John Van de Weg's recollections.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2021.11.23.php

11.10 Beyond Enkription and The Burlington Files

Book endorsements and reviews.

• https://www.theburlingtonfiles.org/page/endorsements

Publisher information.

• http://bit.ly/BeyondEnkriptionPublishers

Historical news releases.

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• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2021.09.26.php

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2022.01.18.php

High-resolution cover artwork - Beyond Enkription book covers.

• https://everipedia-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/NewlinkFiles/17041851/4d84a___bill-fairclough/a-copy-of-beyond-enkriptions-final-high-resolution.jpe

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11.11 Beyond Enkription Book Trailer

Official trailer.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2020.07.31.php

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Companies House, Company Check, OpenCorporates and DueDil records relating to Bill Fairclough's directorships.

• http://bit.ly/BillFaircloughDirectorships

• http://bit.ly/CHCorrespondenceDirectorships

• http://bit.ly/JWPF-Company-Check

• http://bit.ly/JWPF-Open-Corporates

• http://bit.ly/JWPF-Companies-House

• https://www.duedil.com/company/gb/02149279/ebbgate-holdings-limited

• https://companycheck.co.uk/director/906528948/MR-JOHN-WILLIAM-PERCY-FAIRCLOUGH/summary

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The Burlington Files Blogspot.

• http://theburlingtonfiles.blogspot.co.uk

11.15 Charles Fairclough

Companies House appointments relating to Charles Fairclough.

• http://bit.ly/CPRFAppointments

Charles Fairclough's LinkedIn profile.

• https://www.linkedin.com/in/charlesfairclough/

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General background on the history and development of Citigroup.

• https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Citigroup

New York Times article describing John Reed's leadership of Citicorp.

• https://www.nytimes.com/1986/02/02/business/john-reed-s-calming-of-citicorp.html

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PwC global governance arrangements.

• https://www.pwc.com/gx/en/about/corporate-governance/global-board-governance-structure.html

Manual of Auditing.

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David Hobson obituary.

• https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/david-hobson-senior-partner-of-coopers-and-lybrand-6t7g0cvnrw7

Cooper Brothers historical background.

• http://bit.ly/CooperBrothers

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Facebook page relating to David Alexander Cardamone ("Cardomani").

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11.20 Dr Richard Fairclough

Biography.

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Genealogical record.

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11.21 Edward Burlington

Background explaining the Edward Burlington identity used in The Burlington Files.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2018.04.24.php

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Everipedia formerly hosted numerous articles relating to Bill Fairclough, FaireSansDire and The Burlington Files. Many are now unavailable or have become unreliable following substantial changes to the website. Where possible, equivalent material has been replaced by articles published on The Burlington Files or FaireSansDire websites.

Burlington Files news archive.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/index3f7b.php

FaireSansDire news archive.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/Faire-Sans-Dire/news/index.php

11.23 Evidence Relating to Bill Fairclough

GDPR disclosure - Article concerning the PwC Subject Access Request referring to Bill Fairclough.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2025.10.24.php

Archive copy.

• https://archive.org/details/pricewaterhouse-coopers-gdpr-sar-25.84-response-bill-fairclough

11.24 Facebook

Bill Fairclough's Facebook profile.

• https://www.facebook.com/CaguioaFairclough

11.25 FaireSansDire

History.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/Faire-Sans-Dire/about-us/index.php

Co-founders.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/Faire-Sans-Dire/about-us/index.php

Former directors of Faire Sans Dire Limited.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/Faire-Sans-Dire/about-us/index.php

Preserved website.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/Faire-Sans-Dire

Tony Wilson - Former Serious Fraud Office Executive joins FaireSansDire.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2016.05.24.php

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/Faire-Sans-Dire/former-sfo-advisor-tony-wilson-joins-faire-sans-dire/index.php

Colonel Alan Brooke Pemberton CVO MBE.

• http://yeomenoftheguard.com/officerimages.htm#pemberton

• https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/80022247

• http://yeomenoftheguard.com/exons.htm

Barrie Northend Parkes BEM.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2019.03.19.php

11.26 Film Projects

Film proposal based upon Bill Fairclough, FaireSansDire, The Burlington Files and Pemberton's People.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2025.04.21.php

Promotional video.

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt3XvncEpNA

11.27 Family History & Genealogical Sources

Frederick Fairclough - Genealogical record.

• https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Fairclough-248

Jane Margaret Jackson - Genealogical record.

• https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Fairclough-121

Margaret Fairclough - Genealogical record.

• https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Hawxwell-1

Peter Fairclough - Genealogical record.

• https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Fairclough-82

Peter Fairclough - St Peter's School obituary publication.

• https://issuu.com/stpetersyorkalumni/docs/op

Josie Fairclough - Historical Instagram post concerning Guadeloupe.

• https://www.instagram.com/p/Bm8n0WxhFMH

11.28 Freedom of Information

FaireSansDire article concerning a Companies House Freedom of Information request.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/Faire-Sans-Dire/companies-house-admits-a-945-year-old-director-exists/index.php

11.29 ISBN and Publication Data

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11.30 Keble College, Oxford

Recognition of benefactors.

• https://www.keble.ox.ac.uk/alumni-friends/supporting-keble/recognising-your-gift/

11.31 LinkedIn

Bill Fairclough's LinkedIn profile and associated organisations.

Personal profile.

• https://uk.linkedin.com/in/billfairclough

FaireSansDire.

• https://www.linkedin.com/company/2949735

The Burlington Files.

• https://www.linkedin.com/company/737209

11.32 Locations

The following locations are places where Bill Fairclough lived, worked or operated for significant periods during his career, excluding locations withheld for reasons of confidentiality or security.

North East England

• 4 Bank Road, Billingham.

• The White House (formerly 13 Ragworth Place), Norton Green, Stockton-on-Tees.

• 13 Castle Close, Middleton St George, Darlington.

In addition, Fairclough lived or worked at several other (undisclosed) locations in Portrack, Stockton-on-Tees, Middlesbrough and Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.

London

• 13 Montagu Square, W1.

• 4 Quebec Mews, W1.

• 65 Harley Street, W1.

• 17 Draycott Avenue, SW3.

• 51 Thurloe Square, SW7.

• 18 Hill Road, St John's Wood, NW8.

• 238 Randolph Avenue, Maida Vale, W9.

• 21 Rosslyn Hill, Hampstead, NW3.

• 124 Regent's Park Road, Primrose Hill, NW1.

• 5 Hamilton Place, W1.

• 107 Sussex Gardens (Radnor Place), W2.

• Various (undisclosed) locations in the City of London.

Surrey

• 38 Woodcote Close, Epsom

• 1 Juniper Court, 71 Mulgrave Road, Cheam

• 17 Queen's Court, Ellesmere Road, Weybridge

• Woodland Court, 77 Grove Road, Sutton

• 2 Arundel Road, Cheam

Overseas

Locations where Bill Fairclough lived or worked for extended periods.

Bahamas

• Governor's Beach, Nassau (PO Box N101).

United States

• Dorset Hotel, 64 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019.

• Decoplage, 100 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

Historical Photographs

13 Montagu Square, London W1 - Historical photograph taken during the early 1970s.

• https://everipedia-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/NewlinkFiles/17041851/f0e60___jesus-cordova/13-montagu-square-london-w1-in-the-early-seventies.jpe

The White House, Norton Green, Stockton-on-Tees - where both Bill Fairclough and, much earlier, the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, lived.

• https://everipedia-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/NewlinkFiles/17041851/16f42___bill-fairclough/the-old-haunted-white-house-on-norton-green-stockt.jpe

4 Quebec Mews, London W1 -Historical photograph taken during the early 1970s.

• https://everipedia-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/NewlinkFiles/17041851/cc65a___bill-fairclough/4-quebec-mews-london-w1-in-the-early-seventies-whi.jpe

11.33 London Espionage Tours

Historical exclusive tours based upon Bill Fairclough's experiences in London during the early 1970s.

• https://www.theburlingtonfiles.org/indexd4a6.html?p=124

11.34 News Archives

Press releases, investigations and historical articles published by FaireSansDire.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/Faire-Sans-Dire/news/index.php

News, announcements and background articles relating to The Burlington Files.

• https://www.theburlingtonfiles.org/index3f7b.html?cat=2

11.35 Nightclubs & Casinos - Contemporary Articles

Article on London's private gaming clubs.

• https://www.worldcasinodirectory.com/newsletter/april-2007/the-private-gaming-clubs-of-sixties-london

Independent article on London's nightclub scene.

• https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/we-made-it-feel-mighty-real-1196748.html

New York Times article on Nassau nightlife.

• https://www.nytimes.com/1976/01/25/archives/whats-doing-in-the-bahamas.html

Shady Old Lady historical nightclub archive.

• http://www.shadyoldlady.com/location/2796

Reilly Brothers historical references.

• http://bit.ly/ReillyBrothersArticles

11.36 MV Nisha and Osama bin Laden

These links relate to the seizure of the cargo vessel MV Nisha and subsequent reporting linking the incident with investigations following the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001.

Burlington Files article.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2018.10.25.php

BBC historical report.

• http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/dates/stories/december/21/newsid_2539000/2539557.stm

The Guardian background articles.

• https://www.theguardian.com/world/2001/dec/23/september11.terrorism1

• https://www.theguardian.com/world/2001/dec/23/september11.terrorism2

The Independent background reports.

• https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/long-journey-of-the-raided-cargo-ship-9263228.html

• https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/hunt-on-for-20-ships-linked-to-bin-laden-9250084.html

The Telegraph security report.

• https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1366063/Security-alert-as-Channel-ship-is-seized.html

Elite UK Forces operational background.

• http://www.eliteukforces.info/special-boat-service/operations/mv-nisha

11.37 Pemberton's People

Background article describing Colonel Alan Brooke Pemberton's informal MI6 network known as "Pemberton's People".

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2022.10.31.php

11.38 Pinterest

Official Burlington Files Pinterest account.

• https://www.pinterest.com/BurlingtonFiles

11.39 Ralph Gidley Cooper

Companies House officer appointments. Ralph was best man at Bill Fairclough's first wedding and Toby Dias, a fictional character in Beyond Enkription, was based on his character.

• https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/officers/VKM-7iA07bVeHneRq3wzY25IdJc/appointments

11.40 Red House School

Information relating to Bill Fairclough's former school.

• https://www.redhouseschool.co.uk

• https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/local-news/old-school-shows-how-party-3833670

11.41 Research Methodology

Article relating to Bill Fairclough describing techniques for researching public records, social media and open-source information.

• https://steemit.com/introducemyself/@burlingtonfiles/tales-of-the-unexpected-fact-checking-disinformation-unredacted

11.42 Reviews of Beyond Enkription

Reviews and endorsements of Beyond Enkription.

• https://www.theburlingtonfiles.org/page/endorsements

11.43 Social Media

Social links in general.

• https://www.theburlingtonfiles.org/page/social-links

Instagram.

• https://www.instagram.com/fairclough_bill

X (formerly Twitter) FaireSansDire.

• https://twitter.com/FaireSansDire

X (formerly Twitter) Pemberton's People.

• https://twitter.com/MyIpcressFile

X (formerly Twitter) Bill Fairclough - The Burlington Files.

• https://twitter.com/BurlingtonFiles

X (formerly Twitter) Parody Joke Account - TantrumTrump

• https://x.com/TantrumTrump2

Facebook.

• https://www.facebook.com/CaguioaFairclough

YouTube official channel.

• https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSnLZUOTkdprirBiqaM9_4A

YouTube promotional video.

• https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4C5JBDvTDc

11.44 St Peter's School, York

School website.

• https://www.stpetersyork.org.uk

Headmasters.

• https://www.stpetersyork.org.uk/archives/head_masters

Guy Fawkes background article.

• https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy_Fawkes

The Recent History Of St. Peter's School, York by F.J. Wiseman

• https://www.amazon.co.uk/RECENT-HISTORY-ST-PETERS-SCHOOL-YORK/dp/B001E7V908

11.45 The Burlington Files

Official website.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org

The Burlington Files Limited - Companies House record.

• https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/08005044

Corporate structure - background concerning subsidiary companies.

• https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/08005044

11.46 The Money Portal plc

A selection of articles relevant to Bill Fairclough's involvement with The Money Portal plc containing information on and concerning litigation and investigations involving The Money Portal.

Citywire and other national press articles.

• http://citywire.co.uk/new-model-adviser/news/the-money-portal-trial-a-tale-of-pillocks-parasites-and-aberdeen/a269307

• http://citywire.co.uk/new-model-adviser/news/tmp-ends-bitter-battle-with-former-directors-through-settlement/a275292

• http://bit.ly/PensionFundBossStole

• http://bit.ly/TMP-AJM-General

• http://bit.ly/TMP-AJM-SFO

• http://bit.ly/TheMoneyPortalArticles

Companies House.

• https://companycheck.co.uk/company/04263177/THE-MONEY-PORTAL-LIMITED/companies-house-data

• https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/04263177/officers

Blackstone Chambers.

• https://www.blackstonechambers.com/news/case-the_money_portal_v

• https://everipedia-storage.s3.amazonaws.com/NewlinkFiles/17041851/35031___bill-fairclough/promotional-material-about-work-undertaken-in-2005.pdf

11.47 The Panama Papers

News article concerning FaireSansDire and the Panama Papers.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/Faire-Sans-Dire/the-panama-papers/index.php

11.48 TutorFair

Bill Fairclough's TutorFair profile.

• https://www.tutorfair.com/tutor/name/bill/id/84490/profile

11.49 Wiki Resources & Wikipedia

There are (or were) many articles relating to Bill Fairclough, Alan Brooke Pemberton, FaireSansDire, The Burlington Files, Beyond Enkription and associated subjects on Wikipedia and other "Wiki"

websites that use the Wikipedia model (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_wikis). The Burlington Files Trust does not support or keep all these articles up to date. Some of them (notably Everipedia and EverybodyWiki) have been permanently impaired for reasons outside the control of The Burlington Files Trust, such as frequent wholesale website changes or sabotage, and may therefore be in disarray or inaccessible.

11.50 Yarm Bookshop

Background article concerning the Yarm Bookshop.

• https://theburlingtonfiles.org/news_2022.11.16.php

16 CHRONOLOGY OF KNOWN LIFE-THREATENING INCIDENTS

Everybody will have different definitions of exactly what is a life-threatening, death-defying or near-death incident but essentially it boils down to common sense. Instances like being hospitalised in an emergency, surviving a shooting or knife attack, being poisoned, confounding an attempted kidnap or abduction, escaping from a sinking boat, enduring a car crash in which your car is written off, surviving shark attacks or surviving natural disasters like lethal hurricanes, are all usually classified as such "incidents".

In the table below is a summary of Bill Fairclough's life-threatening, death-defying or near-death incidents that are already in the public domain. More information is given about each incident in Sections 8 to 13 above. Please note that some of the years specified below may be inaccurate and for legal and other reasons the explanations of a few incidents have been masked so that the information disclosed is intentionally inaccurate notwithstanding that broadly speaking such an incident did occur.

Also of note is that a list of bizarre and perilous incidents that Bill Fairclough experienced was first compiled in 1975 with the help of my grandparents and my uncle and aunt from the North of England so we are not relying on his childhood memories as evidence of the incidents listed in the 1950s and 1960s. In addition, from 1975 Bill Fairclough kept this list roughly up to date as events occurred which means that the table below is not based on anyone's recollections of events that occurred more than a year before they were noted as being matters of interest.

There are more than 50 incidents listed below and several of those could be loosely described as attempted murders. That may sound a lot but it is less than one incident a year and that number will certainly pale into insignificance when compared with the number of life-threatening experiences bomb disposal officers or landmine clearance experts have to face during their careers. Unfortunately, the few statistics that are available about how many explosive devices these brave people rendered harmless are muddied by their use of robotic devices and national security issues so quoting comparable statistics is not on.

Similarly, there exists no reliable comparable data relating to any country's special forces such as the US Navy SEALs or the UK's SAS. Members of special forces probably face many more life-threatening scenarios during their careers than most persons working in regular armed forces around the world. Of course, those involved in warfare don't always want to disclose how many chess pieces have been taken off the board as Prince Harry did about his 25 kills in Afghanistan. Hence, reliable statistics for war related activities are normally hard to come by.

There also exist high risk civilian vocations such as logging workers, high-rise window cleaners and test pilots but again no relevant statistics are available save that there are about 3,000 test pilots in the USA but less than 50% of them remain in their jobs longer than two years.

For more than four decades, Bill Fairclough and others invested much time in hiding information and ensuring his activities remained forever secret to the extent that "problems" on assignments were rarely divulged to local law enforcement authorities even in "friendly" jurisdictions. Hence, citing detailed independent verifiable sources for many of the incidents referred to below is virtually impossible now. Nevertheless, logic dictates that circumstantial and/or other evidence existed and where that is known to be the case it is referred to in the table below by reference to this list:

(1) Law enforcement or diplomatic records ignoring inaccessible intelligence records

(2) Insurance company records particularly those relating to cars, boats and aeroplanes

(3) Hospital and/or medical records relating to those involved in incidents

(4) Newspaper articles relating to the incidents or matters pertaining thereto

(5) Witnessed or evidenced/recorded contemporaneously by family members

(6) Witnessed or evidenced/recorded contemporaneously by FaireSansDire personnel

(7) Otherwise independently corroborated, evidenced or recorded contemporaneously

Were an in-depth investigation of these incidents undertaken additional circumstantial evidence would no doubt also be available. It could be obtained from interviews of living relatives, friends and known associates, audio recordings, photos and videos, private documents and records, family and work diaries, employment and business records, FaireSansDire reports, credit card and other financial records, passports, hotel bills, telephone bills and any released official records from the National Archives or similarly reliable sources.

Bill Fairclough's Known Life-threatening, Death-defying or Near-death Incidents

Ref.	Year	Location	Event	Evidence	Description
01	1956	Bank Road Billingham England	Rooftop Parachuting Mishap	3, 5	Persuaded by his brother to jump more than 40 feet from a three-storey roof, he narrowly avoided serious injury by landing in a bush rather than on concrete.
02	1957	Middlesbrough (A19) England	Ejection From Moving Vehicle	3, 5	During a bit of rough and tumble in the back of their parents' old Rover 12 car, his brother pushed him out of the car while travelling at more than 50 mph.

03	1958	Norton Green Stockton on Tees England	Breaking The Ice On A Village Pond	3, 5	After falling through the ice on Norton Green duck pond into about four feet of freezing water, he survived despite hypothermia.
04	1959	Norton High Street Stockton on Tees England	Almost Crushed To Death Between Two Buses	1, 2, 3, 5	While chasing his brother, he ran unscathed between two moving buses travelling in opposite directions: both buses crashed on opposite sides of the road.
05	1963	Innsbruck Austria	Emergency Acute Appendicitis	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	On a school bus tour high up in the Alps, he suffered acute appendicitis and required emergency surgery to save his life: the hospital was about 100 miles away.
06	1964	Grand Union Canal England	Family River Cruiser Sank	2, 4, 5	During a family boating holiday, the boat was pierced by a girder forcing immediate evacuation as the boat sank within minutes of the hull having been breached.
07	1965	Clifton York England	Improvised Explosive Detonation	7	An attempt to illegally demolish a derelict building with improvised explosives went wrong when a makeshift paper fuse triggered a rapid explosion.
08	1965	Ealing London England	Residential Fire Escape	2, 4, 5	While staying in a third floor flat with his siblings, they managed to escape just moments before it was completely destroyed by fire.
09	1968	Nice France	Severe Typhus Infection	1, 3, 5, 7	During a trip to the South of France he was taken seriously ill and repatriated by the British Consulate after being diagnosed as having typhus.
10	1968	Croft Spa Darlington England	Cliff Descent Car Crash	1, 2, 3, 5	After driving over a cliff having hit a road barrier, he was trapped injured in a petrol-soaked car wedged into rocks some 50 feet below the road.
11	1968	Sunderland England	Gangland Abduction & Execution Threats	7	In order to avoid kidnap and execution he jumped out of a moving car after the Luvaglio mob torched a night club and issued a contract on his life.
12	1969	Darlington England	Foiled Gangland Kidnap	7	Two thugs tried to chain him up with a view to dumping his body at sea, but he overpowered

					them and chained them to a lamp-post instead.
13	1971	The Beach Seaton Carew England	Deflected Sniper Shot	1, 3, 7	While strolling along an empty beach, a sniper's gunshot struck a companion's raised hand, inadvertently preventing what would likely have been a fatal headshot.
14	1971	Darlington England	Armed Intruders Repelled	7	At a private party, several armed gangsters tried to shoot their way in to snatch him but they were shot at by his friends, injured and fled.
15	1971	Aylesbury England	Multi-Vehicle Pile-Up	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	While driving his father's Hillman Hunter in a race against a sports car there ensued a major multi-vehicle collision involving more than forty vehicles.
16	1971	Middleton St George Darlington England	Post-Crash Vehicle Failure	2, 5, 7	After the Aylesbury car crash he drove over 200 miles to Darlington only to be told the car was an undriveable suicide trap; it was sold for scrap.
17	1972	Cromwell Road London England	Targeted Gunfire Intimidation	7	After leaving the Cromwellian Club where he had been trying to get the hostesses to go on strike, he was shot at repeatedly as he ran away.
18	1973	Frith Street London England	Contract Killing Order	7	A well-known London based gangster issued a contract on his life shortly after meeting him in Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in Soho only to disappear himself.
19	1973	Denman Street London England	Firecracker Inspired Shootout	7	In a night club, his friend threw some firecrackers over the bar for a laugh, but the other patrons drew handguns and started shooting in response.
20	1974	Harley Street London England	Scare Tactics Or Attempted Murder	3, 7	As described in Beyond Enkription, a firearm was forced into his mouth but failed to discharge during a confrontation in the basement of a dentistry.
21	1974	King Street St James's London England	Failed Covert Abduction	1, 3, 7	Operatives from South Africa's BOSS attempted to abduct him in a coordinated attack but failed to complete the operation as described in Beyond Enkription.

22	1974	Charlotte Street London England	Intentional Food Poisoning	1, 3, 5, 7	After being poisoned with botulism whilst dining in the New Delhi restaurant he nearly died in hospital as described in Beyond Enkription.
23	1974	Harley Street London England	Violent Assault & Abandonment	1, 3, 7	Some gangsters knocked him unconscious and left him for dead hanging headfirst over a fourth floor banister as described in Beyond Enkription.
24	1974	Paradise Island Nassau Bahamas	Maritime Kidnap Escape	7	Robert Vesco's thugs abducted him on a yacht; he was to be drowned at sea but forced the boat back to shore at gunpoint as described in Beyond Enkription.
25	1974	South Side Chicago USA	Armed Robbery Lethal Assault	7	An armed gang of ne'er-do-wells surrounded and attacked him while trying to rob him and steal his limo as described in Beyond Enkription.
26	1974	Copacabana Rio de Janeiro Brazil	Assassination Attempt	7	This attempted assassination took place on one of his earliest overseas assignments involving the CIA as described in Beyond Enkription.
27	1974	Governor's Beach Nassau Bahamas	Close-Quarters Knife Assault	3, 7	A rogue CIA agent (his girlfriend) tried to stab him repeatedly with a long knife in his apartment as described in Beyond Enkription.
28	1974	Cité Soleil Port-au-Prince Haïti	Machete Attack	7	Whilst in a bordello hiding from the Tonton Macoute, he was attacked by three assailants wielding machetes as described in Beyond Enkription.
29	1974	Cap Haitien Haïti	In-Flight Structural Damage	2, 7	Severe turbulence caused aircraft damage when a private jet's window was shattered by his briefcase in an illegal flight to Haiti as described in Beyond Enkription.
30	1974	François Duvalier Airport Haïti	Assault, Abduction & Torture Ordeal	7	He was assaulted, abducted, beaten unconscious and tortured by the Tonton Macoute as described in Beyond Enkription.
31	1975	The Caribbean & Central America	Cytomegalovirus Infection	2, 3, 4, 5, 7	Per the Lancet, he had the lowest red blood count ever recorded in the UK. He was read

					the last rites twice in Nassau because of this illness.
32	1975	Governor's Beach Nassau Bahamas	Barracuda Encounter	5, 7	A shoal of barracuda surrounded and started nibbling at him. He later confessed that he had never sweated in water before in his life.
33	1977	Miami International Airport USA	Emergency Aircraft Landing	4, 7	A tropical storm damaged a plane he was on board going from Nassau to Chicago. It made an emergency landing on foam at Miami International Airport.
34	1977	JFK Airport New York USA	Landing Gear Failure Averted	7	A friend of his noticed the wheels had jammed on a plane they were on as it was landing; he warned the pilot just in time to avert a crash.
35	1977	Undisclosed Location (Europe)	Fatal Head-On Collision	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	He had a head-on collision with a mobster which resulted in fatal injuries to the other driver who had apparently been tailing him before the car crash.
36	1978	Toronto Canada	Hurricane Survival	4, 5, 6, 7	During a deadly storm that killed 24 people, he survived by clinging on to ropes chained between corner buildings as furniture and cars swirled in the wind.
37	1979	Miami International Airport USA	Coordinated Shooting Attack	6, 7	While collecting a car from the airport's underground car park, he and his companion ran for cover after being shot at several times.
38	1979	Lambeth London England	Safe House Assault	1, 3, 6, 7	After leaving a secret meeting in Whitehall he went to a supposedly safe house in Lambeth where, upon arrival, he was savagely attacked.
39	1983	Oahu Hawaii USA	Tropical Storm Survival	5, 6	While deep sea fishing he nearly drowned in an unexpected storm with waves over 40 feet high; all those on board had been tied together on life rafts.
40	1983	Fiji (West Coast)	Venomous Sea Snake Encounter	5, 6	While swimming in shallow water, a four to five-foot poisonous sea snake wrapped itself round his right leg and started to slither upwards.
41	1984	Undisclosed Location (Europe)	Contract Killers Pursuit	6	While trying to escape from three hitmen paid to assassinate him, they followed

					him onto some scaffolding outside a night club and tried to kill him.
42	1985	Valletta Malta	Near-Fatal Septicaemic Collapse	3, 5, 6, 7	He was evacuated to London's Tropical Diseases Hospital and nearly died from septicaemia after having had 200+ mosquito bites on his back alone.
43	1985	M1 Motorway Southbound England	High-Speed Sabotage Chase	2, 5, 6	In a 100mph plus car chase, the other driver jettisoned parts of his car's loosened undercarriage in his path. The debris missed his car narrowly averting a fatal accident.
44	1985	M1 Motorway Southbound England	Catastrophic Tyre Failure	2, 5, 6	While travelling at over 100mph the nearside tyre of his car exploded and burst into flames almost resulting in a fatal crash involving several vehicles.
45	1985	Crathorne Hotel Yarm England	Personal Bomb Threat & Evacuation	1, 5, 6	After his car was checked by the police, he was taken into protective custody pursuant to his father having reported a bomb threat to the City of London police.
46	1985	The Strand London England	Covert Drugging & Intentional Poisoning	6	While attending a booze-up in a pub he was poisoned with drinks laced with an overdose of lysergic acid diethylamide and other substances.
47	1985	Undisclosed Location (Europe)	Targeted Hotel Poisoning	6	During a weekend break at a luxury hotel as the sole guest, the food that he had ordered was poisoned by rogue intelligence agents.
48	1987	Galeão Airport Rio de Janeiro Brazil	High-Speed Kidnap Attempt	5, 6, 7	A criminal gang in two cars tried to abduct him after following him in a high-speed car chase from a bureau de change towards the airport.
49	1989	Regents Park Road London England	Attempted Arson After Drugging	6, 7	An assailant known to him tried to torch his flat using matches and lighter fuel after drugging him and leaving him to die in the apartment.
50	1991	Churchill Place Basingstoke England	Post-Arson Roofing Accident	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	After a suspected arson attack on his office he nearly fell to the ground while walking on girders high up above the gutted floors where the fire began.

51	1991	Hong Kong	Coordinated Lethal Ambush	5, 6, 7	He survived an attack by a knife wielding mob outside a night club; a witness who had been tailing him reported him as having been murdered.
52	1991	St Lucia	Lost At Sea	5, 6, 7	After winning a jet ski race he ran out of fuel several miles from the nearest land and was rescued by a passing fishing boat after midnight.
53	1996	Undisclosed Locations (England)	Dual Attack Survival	1, 5, 6, 7	He survived a drive-by shooting at one of his homes and an attempted kidnap later that day in a pub garden where he was surrounded by ex-SAS bodyguards.
54	2003	Undisclosed Location (Europe)	Organised Crime Poisoning	6	After meeting the leaders of an international organised crime gang he had infiltrated he was again poisoned with lysergic acid diethylamide.
55	2006	Undisclosed Location (Europe)	Sniper Laser Targeting	6	A sniper aimed a rifle at him using a laser sight which was noticed by a friend of his; the sniper ran off once he realised he was being tracked down.
56	2011	Tooting London England	Debilitating Stroke Episode	3, 5, 6, 7	When visiting an antiques fair he had a debilitating stroke which incapacitated him thereby forcing him into a wheelchair for several months.
57	2012	Undisclosed Location (South America)	Recurring Poisoning Attack	3, 5, 6	Exactly a year after he had a debilitating stroke he was poisoned whilst overseas: those responsible mistakenly thought he had fought in The Falklands War.
58	2019	Chelsea London England	Prostate Cancer Treatment	3, 5, 6, 7	He underwent two operations, hormone therapy and radiotherapy lasting more than a year to treat the cancer: the treatment was successful.
59	2022	Sutton Surrey England	Covid, Pneumonia & Bibasalar Atelectasis	3, 5, 6, 7	He was hospitalised and diagnosed as suffering from bibasalar atelectasis, pneumonia and covid-19 from which he eventually recovered.

Whether or not one regards Bill Fairclough as an altruistic adrenaline seeker, this documented record of high risk and narrowly averted incidents is remarkable.

17 BILL FAIRCLOUGH'S APPROVED PwC MEMOIRS

Set out below is the final version of Bill Fairclough's memoirs that PwC had approved but chose not to publish.

BILL FAIRCLOUGH'S UNPUBLISHED PwC MEMOIRS

From 1969 to 1983 Bill Fairclough was employed by Cooper Brothers and Coopers & Lybrand working in their offices in Newcastle upon Tyne, Middlesbrough, London, Nassau (Bahamas), Miami and New York. (Cooper Brothers' Newcastle practice adopted the name Coopers & Lybrand a while after Cooper Brothers merged with Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery.) Thereafter Bill worked in the regulated international financial services sector, inter alia, as a Vice President in Citigroup and as a Director in the Reuters and Barclays Bank groups. Throughout much of his career, Bill also undertook covert assignments specialising in infiltration and investigatory operations for British and other intelligence agencies.

What are you up to now?

In November 2022 I finally retired as Non-Executive Chairman for FaireSansDire which has now ceased trading. I established it in 1978 with "a little help from my friends". It was a niche UK based intelligence organisation which in its latter years operated on a pro bono basis. It was an unusual loose knit association and its members, called associates, used to operate on the basis of mutual trust as they had no contractual ties with the organisation thereby pre-empting most sorts of potential conflicts of interest, breaches of contracts et al.

When I worked at Coopers I was told that on occasion at least one partner was made aware on a classified "need to know basis" that I undertook clandestine work for British intelligence. For certain operations I was involved in that would have made sense. Those arrangements were never explained to me, and I was never told the names of the partners involved. Mind you, as I learnt at both Citigroup and Barclays, it is not unusual for the security services (not just in the UK) to seek the cooperation of leading global businesses when necessary.

In FaireSansDire's heyday our associates typically came from military intelligence, law enforcement or legal backgrounds and even included some judges. Over the decades these associates covertly represented FaireSansDire in over one hundred territories and the mainstay of FaireSansDire's activities was the investigation and infiltration of corrupt governments and international organised crime. My experience and training at Coopers in "all things audit" stood me in good stead to head up investigations into corruption et al.

Now that I am retired I will focus on preparing and finalising The Burlington Files series of spy novels with a view to making films based on them. The series comprises six autobiographical novels of which Beyond Enkription (intentionally misspelt) is the only novel published to date. It's a stand-alone thriller based on my real life experiences in the seventies in London, Nassau and Port au Prince pursuant to infiltrating an international organised crime gang while unwittingly working for MI6. In The Burlington Files series the pseudonym Porter Williams is used for Coopers and that of Edward Burlington for me.

What are your passions, and how have they impacted the direction of your career?

I am passionate about promoting integrity, honesty, accountability and transparency amongst politicians and responsible officials. Sadly, of late, I seem to be increasingly swimming against the tide along with King Canute! These values and a hunger for the truth were instilled into me by my parents, by my teachers at Red House School Stockton-on-Tees and St Peter's School York, and not

least by colleagues and partners whom I worked with in Coopers. In hindsight I am glad I rigidly adhered to these principles notwithstanding the hidden costs of so doing including the unpleasant consequences of making powerful and perilous enemies who have demonstrated they would stop at nothing to try and silence me forever.

Who has been the greatest influence on you during your career?

(1) Colonel Alan Brooke Pemberton CVO MBE (Coldstream Guards and British Intelligence (MI5/6)) with whom I worked in the seventies and eighties and who along with Barrie Northend Parkes BEM (British Intelligence) helped me establish FaireSansDire. Barrie headed up my security for three decades until 2001 and was best man at my second wedding in 1996.

(2) From my days up North when at Cooper Brothers, Miles, Stanley and Trevor Middleton helped shape my future and when down South working in Coopers & Lybrand the same could be said of Sir Brandon Gough and Sir Brian Jenkins (who was a regular customer of my father's antiquarian book business).

(3) My father Dr Richard Fairclough (an executive at both Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) and British Intelligence (MI1)) originally suggested I should work for Coopers. He was one of the most intelligent people I have ever known. The former British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan knew my father and held him in high regard too.

What is your fondest memory of your time at PwC?

Many fond memories spring to mind. In the seventies I worked in Coopers & Lybrand's Technical Department along with Keith Robinson and Peter Locke. One of our many challenging duties included advising partners how to deal with bizarre situations which explains why there were frequent peals of cacophonous laughter resonating from our offices in Abacus House, Gutter Lane. I recall on one occasion the partner responsible for the Church of England audit asked us whether he should qualify the church's accounts on a going concern basis. After familiarising ourselves with blasphemy law and much hilarious debate we said "no". Time has proven it was the right decision.

In the mid-seventies Coopers & Lybrand established its first International Executive Committee. Brandon Gough, being the CEO of the international firm of Coopers & Lybrand at the time, chaired the committee and appointed me as its first Secretary. The inaugural meeting was held at the Jockey Club in Miami. Senior partners attending brought along their wives, Brandon being accompanied by his wife Sarah. The three of us checked into the Jockey Club together. The Club manager first showed us around the suite assigned for the Goughs. He then handed me the door key and addressing Brandon directly said "I'll take you to your suite now."

In the late nineties I had invited some PwC partners to a rare celebratory lunch at Simpsons in The Strand, a restaurant coincidentally steeped in espionage history. One of the partners in attendance, being incredibly sharp eared for someone who I believe was ex-army, overheard one of the managers addressing me by an unfamiliar name. At the end of the lunch the partner with golden ears discreetly asked me whom should he thank for the wonderful lunch, Mr X or Mr Fairclough.

Finally, I will never forget this anecdote. Near the time of the formation of Coopers & Lybrand, Cooper Brothers' prospective US and Canadian partners requested that Cooper Brothers change the address of their head office in Abacus House in "Gutter Lane, Cheapside" on the grounds that it would not impress their clients. Accordingly, Sir Henry Benson (the head of Cooper Brothers at

the time) wrote to the Corporation of London (the City) requesting the lane be renamed Coopers Lane. They replied saying as we've been here longer than Coopers why don't you change your name to Gutter Brothers. It is rumoured that some years later when the Corporation was auctioning off old street signs, Coopers & Lybrand bought that of Gutter Lane.

Are you still in touch with any of your former colleagues?

Two types of former PwC colleagues spring to mind: my colleagues when I was at Coopers and those I knew as auditors when I worked for PwC clients such as Barclays Bank. I used to meet both types socially but sadly I am no longer in touch with that many as most I knew well have either passed on or are no longer in contact, but I remain contactable through social media.

What did you learn during your time at PwC that you still keep with you today?

No matter what you are checking always assess its accuracy, validity and completeness. In addition, never forget that "the devil is in the detail"; that adage seems to have become exponentially more pertinent of late.

What do you value most about the alumni network?

It's reassuring to know that partners and staff in PwC still care about the past and those who worked in PwC long ago. I do hope my somewhat maverick career path inspires others to become accountants. They can take it from me, it's not boring!

What three people would you invite to a dinner party?

Most likely some of those named above who influenced me most. I would ask them to explain what they knew that they never told me. However, if my choice were restricted to those living today I would invite Donald Trump, Richard Moore (MI6 Chief) and William Burns (Director of the CIA) to discuss truth and politics.

Where is your favourite holiday destination?

Miami Beach and the Caribbean albeit I have been advised not to visit some of my favourite spots in the Bahamas, the Turks & Caicos Islands and Haiti where I used to work with Coopers & Lybrand. All three territories (airspace included) are best currently avoided by me because of what is now in the public domain about my involvement in investigating allegations of governmental corruption and organised crime; similar considerations apply to quite a few other countries.

What would be your motto?

For almost fifty years our motto at FaireSansDire was "Assume nothing, Believe nobody, Check everything" (ABC). Applying it has saved my life more than once. Furthermore, we have a family motto, "Faire sans dire", which translated means "To do without saying".

What have your learnings from lockdown been?

Be wary of taking things for granted including good health and be flexible, open minded and careful when planning ahead. Why? More tales of the unexpected are likely to unfold after Covid-19 and the Russo-Ukrainian war, both of which may still have a long way to go.

The PwC Report (GDPR SAR 25.84) may be accessed via this link - https://archive.org/details/pricewaterhouse-coopers-gdpr-sar-25.84-response-bill-fairclough.

18 AN AMUSING COMPARISON - JAMES BOND V BILL FAIRCLOUGH

Set out below is an amusing comparison between James Bond and Bill Fairclough. Bond's characteristics and encounters have been limited to what was published in Ian Fleming's novels. Little wonder that some of Bill Fairclough's fans rank him as "better than Bond"!

Ian Fleming's novels were: Casino Royale April 13, 1953; Live and Let Die April 5, 1954; Moonraker April 7, 1955; Diamonds Are Forever March 26, 1956; From Russia, with Love April 8, 1957; Dr No March 31, 1958; Goldfinger March 23, 1959; For Your Eyes Only (Short Stories) April 11, 1960 including "From a View to a Kill", "For Your Eyes Only", "Quantum of Solace" and "Risico". The comparison is based on James Bond's background and lifestyle as set out in these books only and ignores all the 25 official James Bond films produced by Eon Productions. Other non-Eon Bond-related films (like Never Say Never Again in 1983, starring Sean Connery, and the 1967 version of Casino Royale) are not part of this official series and have also been ignored.

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COMPARISON OF JAMES BOND'S AND BILL FAIRCLOUGH'S BACKGROUNDS AND LIFESTYLES		
Issues	**The Fictional James Bond**	**The Real Bill Fairclough**
Ancestry	British - Scottish	British - English
Religion at birth	Christian, Scottish Presbyterian	Christian, Church of England
Countries lived in	The UK, France and Jamaica	The UK, USA and Bahamas
Schooling	Eton/Fettes	Red House/St Peter's York
Universities	Geneva	Oxford/UEA/Northumbria
Scholarships	None	Two
Languages spoken	French/German	French
Age on losing virginity	16	13
Siblings	None	Brother and sister

Married	Once but widowed that day	Married twice, divorced once
Children	None	Two known
Height when circa 40 years' old	6' 0'' or 183 cm	5' 11'' or 180 cm
Weight when circa 40 years' old	168 lbs or 76 kg	168 lbs or 76 kg
Illnesses suffered	Poisonings + a few others	Poisonings + many others
Favourite sports	Skiing, golf and swimming	Football and tennis
Favourite films	Not known	Get Carter (1971)
Favourite books	The Bible	The Godfather (1972)
Favourite music	Jazz, Bach	Sixties/seventies hits
Favourite alcoholic drinks	Martini or whiskey	Newcastle Brown or lager top
Favourite non-alcoholic drinks	Strong coffee	Ribena
Favourite meals	Scrambled eggs, roast beef	Filet mignon, pork/lamb chops
Favourite restaurant	Scott's (Seafood), London	Mandarin Grill, Hong Kong
Favourite casino	Casino Royale Royat, France	Les Ambassadeurs, London
Favourite casino game	Chemin de fer	European single zero roulette
Alcohol consumption aged 40	Excessive	Excessive
Cigarette consumption aged 40	60 a day on average	40 a day on average
Cigar consumption aged 40	None	On occasion
Recreational drug intake aged 40	Amphetamine Benzedrine	Marijuana
Preferred cars	Aston Martins and Bentleys	Jaguars
MI6 codename	007	JJ
On MI6's payroll?	Yes	No
MI6 standing	MI6 officer and field agent	MI6 secret agent
Visits to MI6 HQ	Frequently being an employee	Never so as to remain secret

Age when operational	Circa 18 to 42	Circa 19 to 70
Unarmed combat training	MI6	Glaswegian/other bouncers et al
Skiing skills	Excellent on land only	Reasonable on water only
Armed combat training	MI6	Ex SAS/MI6 experts
Shooting skills	First class marksman	First class marksman
Professional qualifications	None	FCA MSCI MCT
Highest rank in UK armed forces	Naval Commander	Cadet, Combined Cadet Force
Spy agencies worked for/with	MI6 and the CIA	MI5, MI6, CIA + Others
Countries operated in	Circa 12	At least 120
Countries visited on operations	Circa 20	More than 50
Intelligence agencies run	None	FaireSansDire
Number of directorships	None	More than 50
Number of subordinates	Acted as a lone field agent	Sometimes tens of thousands
Number of near-death-incidents	Circa 40-50 in 24 years	Circa 60 in 50+ years
Number of kills	36 direct hits	Classified
Honours awarded by HMG	Order St Michael/St George	None

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